

**TOWN OF ABERDEEN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2007
ADOPTION OF FY2007-2008 BUDGET**

The Aberdeen Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 25, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of the adoption of the proposed FY2007-2008 Operating Budget. Members present were Mayor Elizabeth Mofield and Commissioners Pat Ann McMurray, Donna Shannon, Arthur Parker, Robbie Farrell and Walter Wright. Others in attendance were Town Manager Bill Zell, Town Clerk Nancy Matthews, Finance Officer Beth Wentland and Sarah Gregory, Reporter for the Pilot Newspaper.

1. Call to order

Mayor Mofield called the meeting to order. She stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget.

2. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget

Motion made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget for the Town of Aberdeen.

Commissioner Wright stated and in doing so, he strongly felt the budget was greatly considered due to the tremendous expenses and future needs the Town have before them. He stated due to growth and state mandated requirements and with the additional employees within the Fire Department, the need for a new pumper truck, a new ladder truck, the need for new cruisers for the police officers, more officers, the expansion to the Administration Building and additional help in the Planning Department, all these things have to be funded and is going to take a great deal of money. He stated in the Water/Sewer Fund, with the new increase in state fees, the county sewer system at approximately \$3-4 million, infrastructure project of approximately \$4 million, this is also going to take a lot of money. He stated on the revenue side, the state trying to get into our revenues working on a swap in Medicaid, which would definitely cut into the Town's revenues drastically. He stated he strongly feels the budget has been duly reviewed and as recommended by the Town Manager.

Mayor Mofield briefly spoke stating it will be a tax increase to the citizens. However, she stated it is still a magnificent buy to have property in Aberdeen. She stated the Board has been especially cautious and conservative in the past but due to ongoing expenditures rising, especially gasoline, she believes in the next few years, this money will be needed to continue providing services that the citizens so deserve.

Those voting for adopting the FY2007-2008 Operating Budget for the Town of Aberdeen: Commissioners McMurray, Wright and Shannon voted "YES". Commissioners Parker and Farrell voted "NO". Motion passed with a three-to-two vote.

3. Approval of Budget Amendments:

Finance Officer Beth Wentland briefly reviewed the budget amendments with the Board with a brief explanation.

- a. BA#07-12; General Fund; Various expenditures and revenues at yearend.**
- b. BA#07-13; Capital Outlay-Street Sweeper purchased prior to yearend.**
- c. BA#07-14; Water/Sewer Fund – Various expenditures and revenues at yearend.**
- d. BA#07-15; Cost of replacing a heat/air system in the rotunda & adjoining offices.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve Budget Amendments BA#07-12, BA#07-13, BA#07-14 and BA#07-15 as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Adjourn

Manager Zell informed the Board that the financing with BB&T for the lake park project will be Tuesday, June 26th at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Manager Zell informed the Board he would be attending the North Carolina Managers Conference at Atlantic Beach on Thursday, Friday and through the weekend.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Nancy M. Matthews, Town Clerk

These minutes prepared and completed on June 26, 2007

Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor

These minutes were adopted on August 13, 2007

