

**MINUTES
GREENCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARING
NOVEMBER 9, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Frank Webster, Council Members, Charles Eckstine, Larry Faight, Matthew Smith. Absent were Mayor Eberly, James Farley, H. Duane Kinzer, and Craig Myers. Also present were Borough Manager Eden Ratliff, Borough Interim Manager Kenneth Womack, and Borough Secretary Ericka Faight.

Call to Order..... Council President Webster

Pledge of Allegiance to the FlagCouncil President Webster

A. Council reviewed the 2017 Draft Budget.

B. Public Comment

No Comment.

C. Display of Budget Authorization

Kevin Hunsberger gave an overview of the Sewer Department budget.

Mr. Womack gave an overview of the General Fund and noted that the major expenses were:

- Orchard Circle engineering fees
- MS4
- Health Care increase of 18%
- Firewall upgrade

Police Chief Phillippy gave an overview of the Police Department budget and gave a statement requesting the reinstatement of the fourth full time officer. Chief Phillippy offered a \$28,000 reduction in the part time officer budget and noted that the pension portions of the full time officers are refunded by the state.

Mr. Faight explained that it is the Borough's Workers' Compensation's responsibility if a part time officer is injured while on duty in the Borough to cover that officer for not only their Greencastle compensation, but for lost compensation at all other employments of that individual as well.

Mr. Webster stated that he had originally planned to vote in opposition of the fourth officer; however, after hearing from Chief Phillippy, he was in favor of the additional officer.

Mr. Eckstine asked when do you know that you have enough, he also discussed that it is cheaper to utilize more part time officers than full time officers.

Mr. Smith didn't feel that an additional full time officer was not justified because he has seen officers on duty that didn't appear to have enough to do.

After further discussion on the reinstatement of the full time officer:

On an Eckstine/Smith motion, Council voted 3-1, Mr. Faight opposed, to authorize the 2017 Budget to be placed on display for the required public review period without a fourth full time officer.

D. Correspondence

Council reviewed a request submitted by Shane Myers on behalf of the local merchants of "Downtown Greencastle" for permission to have two food vendors and music on the BB&T Bank corner of the square on Saturday, November 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as part of Small Business Saturday. Council deferred the decision to approve the event to Manager Ratliff.

Council adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary