

**TOWN OF JONESVILLE**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**February 19, 2021**

The Town of Jonesville Council met for a FY2021/2022 Budget Workshop on Friday, February 19, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Council Present:  
Mayor Gene Pardue  
Anita Darnell  
Andy Green  
Regina Adkins  
Michael Tilley

Absent:  
Tracy Wall

Others Present:       Michael Pardue, Town Manager  
                              Wendy Thompson, Town Clerk/Finance Director

Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order at 9:07 am. Doors to the Town Hall were opened at 8:30 am for any members of the public who would like to attend.

Town Manager Michael Pardue began the meeting by discussing the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming FY2021/2022 budget preparations. Michael then presented a power point which is attached to these minutes to include for reference.

Michael asked that all Council Members prepare at least five areas they would like for staff to concentrate on during the FY2021/2022 budget and over the next five years. These areas will include things each Council Member feels is the most important by answer one question – “Where do you see Jonesville in the next 5 years?” Michael then reviewed the areas he sees are the most important such as:

- (1) Jonesville Greenway – The two RV Parks depend on the Greenway as part of their business success. The Greenway is a daytrip from Winston-Salem, Charlotte, etc. The Greenway brings individuals into the area and they frequent the local restaurants and hotels.
- (2) Business Development & Recruitment – The Town should assist and work with current business and bring new businesses into Town. Michael is working on a NC Ready Grant to help with business development activity throughout Town.
- (3) Town Branding – Includes discover Jonesville signs to be placed all over Town. These signs will replace the watch us grow signs. The same design will be used along the Greenway and at Lila Swaim Park.
- (4) Pedestrian Bridge & Piazza – This will be a joint effort between Jonesville, Elkin, and the two TDAs and Trail Associations. The bridge committee will start meeting again soon.
- (5) Upgrade & Development of Town Parks – Roger Hurd and the board are moving forward with Lila Swaim Park. Jonesville Trail Association is in the process of the bicycle trail on the 155 acres track.

Council Member Green stated that the goal should be for Jonesville to be a destination and not a pass-through Town. Council Member Darnell stated that people are seeing things pull together. In the last 4-5 years we are growing as a community.

Even though Council Member Wall was unable to attend the workshop he emailed in some goals he would like to see for Jonesville. Michael Pardue read the goals from Council Member Wall such as:

- (1) Reduce cost & inefficiency
- (2) See bridge & piazza happen
- (3) New business opportunity
- (4) Continue with Code Enforcement
- (5) Engage caring employees
- (6) Work with and recognize efforts of Arlington Fire & Rescue
- (7) Beautification of signs

Council Member Green brought his list to the workshop and read out loud the following:

- (1) Beautification of park – trimming and landscaping, new playground equipment
- (2) Beautification of walking track – trimming trees & mulch, signage, new benches, adult swings
- (3) Continue striving to bring new business to Town
- (4) Do all we can to help existing business owners
- (5) Push to see dream of uptown Jonesville and bridge a reality
- (6) Continue to make improvements on Greenway to promote tourism
- (7) Continue to look for grants to help upgrading water system and lines
- (8) Continue striving to provide the best possible services to citizens of Jonesville in the most cost efficient ways

Council Members Darnell & Adkins agreed with both lists as goals the Council should be working towards in the upcoming years.

Council Member Tilley wants staff to look into any ways the Town can help and encourage businesses and residents to clean up around their properties, update outside of buildings.

Finance Director Wendy Thompson then addressed the Council regarding a few budget items for FY2021 and FY2022.

**Town Wide Fleet Project** – Contracts included in budget folder have been reviewed and approved by Town Attorney Andrew Brown.

- (1) Public Works – currently has 2 trucks that need to be replaced:

- ✓ 2005 Chevy Silverado 2500HD (VIN# 4115) estimated resale \$6,000.
- ✓ Ford F250 regular bed, salt truck no estimated resale available.

Requesting lease/purchase of the following or an equivalent:

- ✓ 2021 GMC Sierra 2500HD, 4x4 double cab 6.75-foot bed with regular bed, toolbox & emergency lights.

(2) Water Department – currently needs 2 trucks replaced:

- ✓ 2008 Ford Ranger, 2door regular cab (VIN#94419) estimated resale \$3,000.
- ✓ 2006 Chevy Silverado 2500HD (VIN#1530) estimated resale \$3,500. will not be resold. It will be used as a salt truck for Public Works.

Requesting lease/purchase of the following or an equivalent:

- ✓ 2021 GMC Sierra 2500HD, 4x4 double cab, utility bed, emergency lights
- ✓ 2021 GMC Sierra 1500 4x4 Double Cab with regular 6.75-foot bed

(3) Police Department – currently needs 7 vehicles replaced:

- ✓ 2016 Ford Police Interceptor (VIN#61164) estimated resale \$11,000.
- ✓ 2015 Ford Police Interceptor (VIN#93938) estimated resale \$9,000.
- ✓ 2003 GMC Yukon (VIN#37452) estimated resale \$1,500.
- ✓ 2005 Chevy Tahoe (VIN#20182) estimated resale \$1,500.
- ✓ 2013 Chevy Tahoe (VIN#92389) estimated resale \$6,000.
- ✓ 2010 Dodge Charger (VIN#40530) estimated resale \$2,000.
- ✓ 2015 Dodge Charger (VIN#96014) estimated resale \$6,000.

The following vehicles will remain and are paid in full.

- ✓ 2017 Ford Police Interceptor
- ✓ 2018 Ford Police Interceptor (3)

Requesting lease/purchase for up to 7 of the following:

- ✓ 2021/2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Base All-Wheel Drive.

All current Town vehicles stated as needing replaced will be sold. Revenue from the sale of the vehicles will be revenue in the FY2022 budget. Enterprise will administrate the sale of these vehicles.

**Lila Swaim Park – Playground Equipment Project**

- ✓ Current equipment purchased used in 2012 from Village of Tobaccoville
- ✓ American Parks Company has 2 unit available with 50-58% discount. A comparison with other companies has shown equipment is right at ½ the cost of the equipment they have available now.
- ✓ The Recreation board reviewed two pieces of equipment which were presented to Council:
  - Cheer Delight maximum cost with install & mulch \$44,109.00.
  - Play Date maximum cost with install & mulch \$27,035.00.
- ✓ The cost can be split between FY2021 and FY2022. American Parks Company has agreed to two payments on the equipment. Max budgeted cost needed is FY2021 cost \$25,155.00 and FY2022 cost \$17,200.00.

## **Restoration/FEMA Project**

The Rain/Flood Event from November 12, 2020

- (1) Assessment has been sent into the State and FEMA for repairs on the following asking for a proclamation from the President for a FEMA grant to reimburse the Town for repairs.
- (2) We are awaiting a proclamation from the President .
- (3) Original costs to repair were estimated at the following:
  - ✓ 6" waterline washed out and exposed at S. Swaim Street estimate \$30,000.
  - ✓ Water Plant – river pumps needing cleaning due to debris blocking flow and causing a buildup in the wells estimate \$32,200.
  - ✓ S Jonesville Blvd/Little Creek Apartments bridge – tiled bridge washed out destroyed pavement undermining the 2 large tiles and concrete header wall.  
Estimate to remove debris \$6500. and replace bridge \$450,000.
  - ✓ Greenway Trail – erosion along riverbanks and trail area. \$345,850.00.

## **Phone System Project**

Surry Communications has given us a quote to replace phones located in Town Hall and provide a new phone system to replace the current system that is over 10 years old. We have received several quotes from different companies but request that Council approve the system quote from Surry in the amount of \$4922.00. Our phone system and service will now be taken care of through the same company. \_\_\_\_\_

Council discussed the request by the Hall family regarding grave plots. After discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Darnell to provide \$500.00 to assist with exhuming if the family decides to go through with it. A second was made by Council Member Green and approved by unanimous vote. 4-0

Council discussed the current fund balances available in both General Fund and Water. Council was updated on the current fund balance totals and how the discussed projects will affect the future fund balance based on current trend.

After open discussions of the projects the following motions were made:

A motion was made by Council Member Green to set up a Resolution, Budget amendment to transfer \$100,000.00 from General Fund, fund balance and accept \$100,000.00 from TDA to set up FEMA/Flood Event 11/12/2020 Project Budget. A second was made by Council Member Tilley and approved by unanimous vote. 4-0

A motion was made by Council Member Darnell to approve a Budget Amendment for park playground equipment to appropriate \$25,155.00 from fund balance. The balance will be appropriated FY2022 budget. A second was made by Council Member Adkins and approved by unanimous vote. 4-0

A motion was made by Council Member Darnell to approve the Fleet Contracts to order vehicles. Funds are to be appropriated in the FY2022 budget and pay all upfront and upfit costs out of fund balance. A second was made by Council Member Green and approved by unanimous vote. 4-0

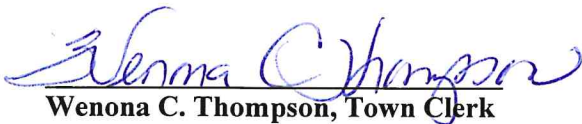
A motion was made by Council Member Green to approve quote for phone system and move forward with installation. A second was made by Council Member Adkins and approved by unanimous vote. 4-0

A motion was made by Council Member Green to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Council Member Adkins and approved by unanimous vote. 4-0



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**The Honorable Gene Pardue**  
**Mayor Town of Jonesville**

  
**Wenona C. Thompson, Town Clerk**