

## Town Council Budget Work Session Minutes of April 22, 2021

The Town of Winnsboro Council met in a budget work session April 22, 2021, at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Old Armory (due to Covid-19). Following normal procedures, copies of the agenda were provided to Council, The Voice and the Country Chronicle. Those in attendance were:

Mayor Roger Gaddy  
Councilman John McMeekin  
Councilman Danny Miller  
Councilman Demetrius Chatman  
Absent  
Councilwoman Janice Bartell-Prather  
Staff and Guests  
Don Wood, Town Manager  
Lorraine Abell, ATM  
Kathy Belton, Finance Director

**Call to Order:** Mayor Gaddy called the work session at 6:15 p.m.

### **New Business:**

#### **A. Presentation and Deliberation of FY 2020-21 Utilities Budget**

Mr. Wood discussed in detail the revenues and expenditures of the Utilities proposed budget and capital expenditures.

Main items discussed by Council were:

The cost increase on Telemetry in the Water Plant and Sewer. Council also discuss how Capital Expenditures should be explained in the budget as not an approved expenditure but as a wish list. Council also discussed the AMI system and they would like the entire customer base to receive these improvements. Mr. Wood and Ms. Belton explained why it would be best to start with the Blythewood area because it has just water and it would be easier to find the problems with the system when dealing with just one utility.

#### **B. Discussion and Deliberation of the American Rescue Plan**

Councilman Miller stated he would like to see the funds be used to improve the Water, Sewer, Broadband and provide the employees an amount in a weekly paycheck. Mayor Gaddy stated he wants grants to be applied for to aid with the improvements. Mayor Pro-tem McMeekin requested that the MASC do a presentation to Council for the guidelines, so the town does not used the funds improperly and have to pay it back. The Town should request one half of the funds when available. Deposit into a special checking account and wait for the federal guideline before spending the funds.

### **Other Business:**

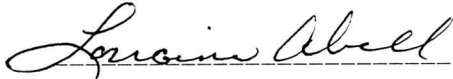
None

Executive Session was not on the agenda so personnel matters will be discussed at a later date.

**Questions from the Media:** Mr. Robert White with the Country Chronicle inquired about the revenues in this year's budget compared to last year's budget. Mr. Wood stated that the revenues at 1.5% less than last year's budget.

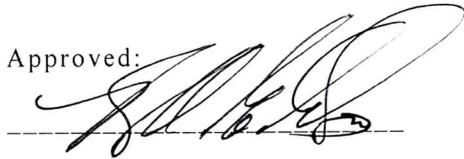
**Adjournment:** Councilman Chatman made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Councilman McMeekin. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine Abell  
Assistant to Town Manager

Approved:



Mayor Roger Gaddy