

**TOWN OF WADESBORO  
TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2017 5:00 PM**

Town Council present: Councilman Jeremy Burr, Councilman John Ballard, Councilman Bobby Usrey, Councilman Fred Davis, Mayor Pro Tem James David Lee and Mayor Bill Thacker. Absent: Town Attorney Aaron Bates.

Department Heads Present: Town Manager Alex Sewell

Mayor Thacker called the meeting to order and presided at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Sewell advised the Council that he would have the preliminary budget ready to present to them by May 31, 2017. Then the Council could have discussions and hopefully approval by middle of June, 2017.

Mr. Sewell discussed the bid proposal from Hudson Paving, Inc. with the Council. The contract would cover paving Highland Drive, Anson Apparel Shirt Road, Old Lilesville Road and Hargrave Street. The Council was concerned that the proposal was for putting down thickness of inch and half of asphalt. They felt two inches were needed. Mr. Sewell will go back to Hudson Paving, Inc. and change proposal to two inches and bring back with new price to Council at May 1, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Sewell went over the costs for fiscal year 2017-2018 Budget for the General Fund. The Council suggested that rather than an increase, we give a bonus to employees. The amount of \$600.00 was discussed. It was agreed that three full time/part time positions should receive a reduced bonus amount. The Council consensus was for Mr. Sewell to purchase Casecracker, which is a recording system for the interview room for the Police Department. Mr. Sewell said he would go ahead and purchase this out of this year's budget. The Council felt we should delay purchase of two new Police vehicles. The Council also decided to not purchase the new Fire rescue pumper truck in fiscal year 2017-2018. Pre 65 retirees health insurance will continue to be funded by Town for the coming fiscal year with possible changes for the following year. It was also decided to put off purchasing a new limb truck.

Mr. Sewell continued the discussion with the Water/Sewer fund. The Council decided to wait on the paving of Rutherford Street until water repairs were made.

James David Lee made a motion and Jeremy Burr seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Approved with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Cynthia A. Pope  
Clerk to the Town Council  
Town of Wadesboro