

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held a special meeting Wednesday, June 18, 2008. Commissioners present were Betty Willis, Terry Newsom, Patrick McAtee-MacRae and Clara Debnam. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on the 2008-09 FY Budget and take care of any other business brought before the Board.

Mayor Hawfield called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and opened the public hearing to allow for citizen input on the proposed 2008-09 Budget.

Mayor Hawfield advised the proposed budget was based on \$32,640,000 tax valuation and would maintain the same tax rate as last year of \$0.61/\$100.00. With the current economy some costs would be absorbed by un-appropriated surplus. The proposed budget would also included rent on the library for 6 months, which would carry through this budget, and the attorney and the Town was still trying to resolve the library rent issue.

Since there were no comments, Mayor Hawfield adjourned the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

The special session continued with a discussion of the library rent controversy.

Commissioner Willis questioned whether line items could be moved if the budget ordinance was approved and was told they could be amended later.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion to approve the **Budget Ordinance FY 2008-09 Town Of Littleton (O-08-002)** and following discussion to increase by \$1,000.00 a Police Department line item, Commissioner Willis seconded the motion, to adopt the (newest) budget as proposed in the amount of \$576,800.00 for the General Fund and \$366,813.00 for Water and Sewer. Following Mayor Hawfield commenting that he opposed the increase in the budget, the motion was voted and carried. A copy is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Willis presented a "Schedule of Rate Fees" and Mayor Hawfield also voiced opposition to the new schedule. Commissioner Willis advised the Town needed to plan for capital improvements and compared other municipality's tap fees to Littleton's. Commissioner Willis advised the deposit for renters would also increase as well as tampering fees, rezoning and variance/special use/conditional use fees.

Commissioner Willis made a motion, to adopt the new Schedule of Fees and following additional discussion, Commissioner MacRae seconded the motion. Mayor Hawfield reiterated he thought the tap fees were excessive and agreed with the tampering and renters fees. The motion was voted and carried. A copy is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner MacRae advised he had enough left in the cemetery budget to remove a dilapidated house on cemetery property and have the debris removed. Following discussion Commissioner MacRae made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to pay Annie's Construction \$2,000.00 to demolish and remove the building on the Town's property in the Cemetery. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner MacRae made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Willis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion was voted and carried.

Clerk