

April 23, 2015

A special meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on April 23, 2015, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 6:00PM, to conduct a budget worksession with Mayor Turner presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Turner, Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, Sharon Brooks Hodge and Mark Stroud. Staff present included: Leon Towarnicki, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Linda Conover, Sean Dunn, Mary Prillaman, and Wayne Knox.

Mayor Danny Turner opened the meeting.

Finance Director, Linda Conover, reviewed history of fund balance figures and the projected FY15 fund balance. There was lengthy Council discussion regarding infrastructure needs, justification of raising rates, comfortable level for use of fund balance, utility transfer amounts, employee raises, Human Resources classification study request, Human Resources consulting service request, funding of MHC Economic Development Corporation, Assets Management study, and MINET fiber build funds.

Mayor Turner asked for Council's pleasure on Historical Society funding request. Hodge and Turner both said no to funding request from the Historical Society and Teague stated he supports the City Manager's proposed budget.

A motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge to remove \$37,500 classification study amount from proposed budget and motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge to remove \$15,000 HR consulting service amount from proposed budget and motion passed with a 4-1 vote (Stroud voted nay).

A motion was made by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Danny Turner, to remove \$185,000 MINET fiber build amount from proposed budget.

A substitute motion was made by Gene Teague to hear information from Mr. Scaffidi regarding the fiber build out before cutting. The substitute motion passed on a 3-2 vote (Hodge voted nay and Turner voted nay).

A motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, to direct the City Manager to come back with a revised budget with \$300,000 in cuts.

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A substitute motion was made by Danny Turner, seconded by Sharon Brooks Hodge, to have City Manager cut budget \$550,000 to eliminate the 3% electric rate increase.

A vote was taken on the original motion to cut \$300,000 which passed with a 3-2 vote. (Hodge voted nay and Turner voted nay).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Brenda Prillaman, Clerk of Council

Danny Turner, Mayor