

Winthrop Town Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2005
Winthrop Town Office

- **The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman Kevin Cookson.**

- **Roll Call**

Council Members Present: Kevin Cookson, Patrice Putman, David Rheame, Jayne Despres, Bill MacDonald, Linda Caprara, Ken Buck

Others present: Cornell Knight (Town Manager), Police Chief Joe Young, EMS Director John Dovinsky., Public Works Director David Smith, Clerk Lisa Gilliam, Librarian Wendy Miller, Assessor Jan Healey, Asst Assessor Maura Smith, Finance Director Jan Tewksbury, Asst Fire Chief Dan Brooks, Ex Director Cobbossee Watershed District Bill Monagle.

Ordered that the Winthrop Town Council meet to consider the following items:

Item #55 Review the 2005-06 Municipal Budget.

Mr. Knight said the State Revenue Sharing estimate could be increased by \$30,000.

Mr. Monagle answered questions regarding the Code Enforcement contract and amended the budget to \$55,177.

The council reviewed the budget, page by page.

Council, Planning Board, ZBA, Elections, Ex Administration had no changes.

Discussion on Central Services and the KV Chamber of Commerce membership cost, but remained funded.

Computer Services, no changes.

Clerk, discussion on the frequency of salary adjustments. This item will be on a future agenda for discussion.

Motion by Rheame Seconded by Buck to reduce the salary adjustment for the clerk and asst clerk by half, and award the other half next year. Vote 3-4. Yea Rheame, Caprara, Buck

Nay: Cookson, Putman, MacDonald, Despres.

Assessing, E 911, Acct and Control, no changes.

Code Enforcement, the budget was reduced by \$952 to \$55,177. Discussion on canceling the contract with CWD and moving the position to the Town Office. It was agreed to discuss this at council meeting next month.

No changes to Debt Service.

Discussion on eliminating social service funding under the Contributions budget.

Councilors Rheame, Caprara, Despres, Buck were in favor of removal, Cookson, Putman, and MacDonald were not. Mr. Knight was asked to notify the agencies they could attend the public hearing in June.

Insurance, Town Office, Police, Communications, no changes.

Fire Department, discussion with Dan Brooks over the Ladder truck repairs/warranty work and on increasing the Chief's pay by \$2000.

Motion by Despres Seconded by Putman to approve the manager's recommendation to increase the Chief's pay by \$2000. Vote 5-2. Yea: Cookson, Putman, MacDonald, Despres, Caprara Nay: Rheume, Buck.

Ambulance training budget was discussed. Mr. Dovinsky said the number of personnel attending geriatric and pediatric training would be reduced if the training line were cut. He said the increase in revenues to cover the budget increase is dependent on a 3rd ambulance.

Motion by Rheume Seconded Buck to reduce the training line by \$2,000 to \$5,000 a \$2,500 increase over last year. Vote 5-2. Yea: Putman, Cookson, Rheume, Caprara, Buck Nay: Despres, MacDonald.

Solid Waste Disposal, discussion on box trailer purchase from reserve.

Public Works, Pavement, Tree Removal, Cemetery, no changes.

Library, Ms Miller informed the council the steps repair would be done by the contractor at no charge. Still waiting on costs for the dormer repair. The CI included attic insulation and chimney repair.

Recreation, Norcross Point, GA, GA admin, Benefits & Provisions, CI no changes.

CI Reserve

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Buck to move \$15,000 from PW Reserve to fund the Fun After School Program, add a line to the Recreation budget. Vote 6-1 Yea: Cookson, Putman, MacDonald, Rheume, Caprara, Buck. Nay: Despres.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.