

Town of Clintwood
Recessed Town Council Meeting
June 20, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Record of Attendance:

Council Members:

Danny Lambert – Mayor/Town Manager
Ron Kendrick -Vice Mayor
Doris Rife
Talbert Bolling
Jim Childress
Shelly Mullins

Susan Wood – Attorney
Judy Steele – Clerk
Chief Rick Mullins
Officer Turner

Citizen- Michael Lawrence

Mayor Lambert called the recess town council meeting of June 13, 2023, to order and asked for a moment of silent prayer.

Agenda item - Additions to the Agenda

Councilman Ron Kendrick asked that a donation request from the Shinning Stars Special Needs Children be added to the agenda.

Hearing no other additions, Mayor Lambert asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the additions.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Mullins to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item - Approval of FY 23-24 Budget

Mayor Lambert read the following residential water rate increases that were advertised in the FY23-24 Budget.

Residential Water Rates:

**In-Town Rate - \$12.00 to \$17.00 for the first 2000 gallons
\$ 3.81 to \$4.81 per thousand after the first 2000 gallons**
**Out of Town Rate - \$17.00 to \$22.00 for the first 2,000 gallons
\$ 4.94 to \$5.94 per thousand after the first 2000 gallons**
**Out of Town Rate -\$20.00 to \$25.00 for the first 2,000 gallons
\$ 4.94 to \$5.94 per thousand after the first 2000 gallons**

Mayor Lambert asked for any questions or comments on the proposed Residential Water Rates and hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Childress and second by Councilman Kendrick to approve the proposed Residential Water Rates. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert read the following proposed residential sewer rate increases that were advertised in the FY23-24 Budget:

Residential Sewer Rate:

**In Town Rate - \$17.00 to \$20.00 for first 2,000 gallons
\$ 6.00 to \$ 7.00 per thousand after the first 2,000 gallons
Out of Town Rate - \$22.00 to \$25.00 for first 2,000 gallons
\$ 7.15 to \$ 8.15 per thousand after the first 2,000 gallons**

Mayor Lambert asked for any questions or comments on the Residential Sewer Rates and Councilman Bolling said he would like to make a note that one reason the sewer rates were raised were because Veolia Water raised their rate on the town. Mayor Lambert asked for a motion on the proposed Residential Sewer Rates.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to approve the proposed Residential Sewer Rates as advertised. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert read the following proposed residential garbage rate that was advertised in the FY 23-24 Budget:

Residential Garbage Rate will go from \$9.00 to \$10.00.

Mayor Lambert asked for any comments or motion on the proposed Residential Garbage Rate.

Motion was made by Councilman Kendrick and second by Councilman Bolling to approve the proposed Residential Garbage Rate as advertised. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert read the following proposed Meals Tax rate that was advertised in the FY 23-24 Budget:

Meals Tax will go from 6% to 7%

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to approve the proposed Meals Tax Rate as advertised. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert read the following proposed Transient Occupancy Tax rate that was advertised in the FY23-24 Budget:

Transient Occupancy Tax will go from 5% to 7%

Motion was made by Councilman Kendrick and second by Councilwoman Rife to approve the proposed Transient Occupancy Tax Rate as advertised. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert read the following proposed Real Estate Tax rate that was advertised in the FY 23-24 Budget:

Real Estate Tax Rate will go from 11 cents to 15 cents.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to approve the proposed Real Estate Tax Rate as advertised. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert read the following proposed Personal Property Tax rate that was advertised in the FY 23-24 Budget:

Personal Property Tax Rate will go from 30 cents to 40 cents.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Kendrick to approve the proposed Personal Property Tax Rate as advertised. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert read the following Cigarette Tax Rate that was advertised in the FY 23-24 Budget.

Cigarette Tax Rate will go from 10 cents to 15 cents per pack.

Councilwoman Rife said she was not in favor of this increase and Councilman Mullins said he opposed it also. Councilman Kendrick said after further evaluation of this and the effect on a local business whose primary business relies on tobacco sales, and the county does not have this tax, and the residents would go out of town to purchase their tobacco products, and the businesses would lose their sales, and the town would lose the taxes on what we are taxing right now so, he said he is also opposing raising the tax at this time.

Mayor Lambert said this rate increase dies for a failure of a motion. There was \$20,000 included in the budget for the increase in revenue from the cigarette tax. Mayor Lambert suggested to increase the prior year surplus in the revenues by \$20,000 to offset the proposed cigarette tax increase in the budget and not touch the expenses in the budget.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Kendrick to increase the prior year surplus in the revenue by \$20,000 to offset the proposed revenue from the cigarette tax that failed to pass. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Kendrick to adopt the Budget Ordinance with all the tax rate increases included in the budget except for the cigarette tax rate increase. Prior year surplus will be increased to offset the proposed revenue from the cigarette tax. Roll Call Vote - Councilwoman Doris Rife – Yes, Councilman Talbert Bolling -Yes, Councilman Ron Kendrick-Yes, Councilman Jim Childress-Yes, Councilman Shelly Mullins – Yes. Motion Carried.

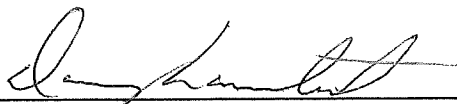
Agenda Item – Donation Request – Dickenson County Shinning Stars

Councilman Kendrick said he had received a request from the Dickenson County Shinning Stars Special Needs which include children and adults. They are right in the middle of their baseball season. They are anticipating putting a float in the Fourth of July parade. Their award ceremony will be July 9 at the baseball field.

Motion was made by Councilman Kendrick and second by Councilwoman Rife to make a donation of \$100 to the Dickenson County Shinning Stars. Motion passed unanimously.

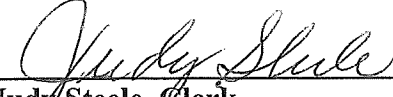
Motion was made by Councilman Kendrick and second by Councilwoman to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

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Danny Lamber, Mayor

Attest:



Judy Steele, Clerk

ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTWOOD, VIRGINIA
TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED TOWN OF CLINTWOOD, VIRGINIA BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clintwood Town Council conducted a public hearing, pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended on June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to consider public comment the proposed municipal budget and tax rate increases for fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, the seven day period has elapsed since the public hearing on the proposed municipal budget and tax rate increases for fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Clintwood, the proposed budget, as advertised and on file with the Town of Clintwood, Town Clerk is hereby adopted as the spending plan (the budget) for the fiscal calendar year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, as follows:

General Fund Revenue and Expenditures: \$2,321,517.00

Water Fund Revenue and Expenditures: \$2,140, 648.00

Sewer Fund Revenue and Expenditures: \$449,400.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the following tax rates and fees be increased as follows:

<u>TAX</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>
Meals	6%	7%
Transient Occupancy	5%	7%
Real Estate	11 cents	15 cents
Personal Property	30 cents	40 cents

<u>WATER</u>	<u>FIRST 2,000 GALLONS</u>	<u>PER THOUSAND AFTER 2,000 GALLONS</u>
In Town (Residential)	Current Rate: \$12.00 Proposed Rate: \$17.00	Current Rate: \$3.81 Proposed Rate: \$4.81
Out of Town (Residential)	Current Rate: \$17.00 Proposed Rate: \$22.00	Current Rate: \$4.94 Proposed Rate: \$5.94
Out of Town (Residential)	Current Rate: \$20.00 Proposed Rate: \$25.00	Current Rate: \$4.94 Proposed Rate: \$5.94

<u>SEWER</u>	<u>FIRST 2,000 GALLONS</u>	<u>PER THOUSAND AFTER 2,000 GALLONS</u>
In Town (Residential)	Current Rate: \$17.00 Proposed Rate: \$20.00	Current Rate: \$6.00 Proposed Rate: \$7.00
Out of Town (Residential)	Current Rate: \$22.00 Proposed Rate: \$25.00	Current Rate: \$7.15 Proposed Rate: \$8.15

GARBAGE

In Town (Residential)	Current Rate: \$9.00 Proposed Rate: \$10.00
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All other tax levies and other fees, including water, sewer, and garbage rates, licenses, taxes, and other utility fees and assessments previously imposed by the municipality are again levied, assessed, and imposed as set forth previously by the Clintwood Town Council and shall remain enforceable and effective until changed by the Clintwood Town Council.

THE TOWN OF CLINTWOOD, VIRGINIA, BY ITS DULY ELECTED TOWN COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF CLINTWOOD HEREBY RECORDS ITS VOTE ON THE ABOVE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

Danny Lambert, Mayor: (In the event of tie):

Ronald Kendrick:

Talbert Bolling:

Doris Rife:

Jim Childress:

Shelley Mullins:

ENACTED and ADOPTED THIS 20 DAY OF June 2023.

Signed into law this same date: July 1, 2023.

By: 
MAYOR

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK