

SPECIAL MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of La Grange, North Carolina met in a Special Meeting at the Town Hall on June 9, 2009, at 6 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Woodard H. Gurley; Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Wooten; Council Members Larry Gladney, Elliott Sutton, George Koonce (arrived late), Gregory Rouse and Clifton Harrison; Town Manager, John P. Craft; Town Clerk, Nelda H. Johnson, CMC.

Absent: George Jenkins, Jr., Town Attorney

Guest: None

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Gurley called the meeting to order and asked Council Member Harrison to give the invocation.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment on the proposed FY 2009-2010 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Gurley opened the public hearing.

No public was present.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wooten, seconded by Council Member Sutton to close the public hearing. Motion carried 5-0 in favor of motion.

Council Member Koonce arrived to the meeting at this time.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDING FY 08-09 BUDGET

Manager Craft presented and reviewed with the Council an ordinance to amend the current year budget to reflect actual expenditures and revenues.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wooten, seconded by Council Member Gladney to approve the Budget Ordinance. Motion carried 6-0 in favor of motion. Copy hereto attached.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF THE FY 2009-2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Manager Craft discussed with the Council an increase in appropriation to expenditure line item 10-5800-7000 by \$25,000 for the purchase of a backhoe for the cemetery. This item had been omitted from the original proposed budget due to an oversight and was discovered at the Special Meeting on June 8, 2009.

Also, increase appropriation from the General Fund Balance by \$12,500 and Cemetery Capital Reserve by \$12,500 to fund the purchase of aforementioned backhoe.

Manager Craft recommended these two appropriation changes.

Motion was made by Council Member Gladney, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wooten to approve the FY 2009-2010 Municipal Budget Ordinance as presented and also with the two above mentioned appropriation changes as recommended by Manager Craft.

Mayor Gurley called for discussion.

Council Member Harrison stated that with rising County taxes due to the re-evaluation, rising State and Federal Taxes he did not support the property tax rate decrease from

\$0.50/\$100 evaluation down to \$0.45/\$100 evaluation as he felt the tax rate should be even lower.

Motion carried 5-1 in favor of motion with Council Member Harrison voting in opposition. Copy of FY 2009-2010 Budget Ordinance hereto attached.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wooten, seconded by Council Member Gladney to adjourn. Motion carried.

Nelda H. Johnson, CMC Town Clerk

Woodard H. Gurley, Mayor