

**Minutes  
Budget Workshop  
Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue**

**May 5, 2010**

**Members Present: Mayor Samuel Murray and Councilmembers Vernon DeLoach, Mary Beth Heyward and Joe Lee**

**Members Absent: Councilmember Henry Robinson**

**Staff Present: Town Manager Van Willis, Police Chief Jim Cadien, Police Lt. Alan Beach, Fire Chief Sammy Negrón and Municipal Clerk Tanya Payne**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Murray called the workshop to order at 5:30 pm.

**II. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:**

**A. Legislative**

Town Manager Willis reviewed the legislative budget and explained because of a decrease in Workman's Comp. insurance the budget total was lower than expected. He also explained an article in *Uptown* magazine questioned contributions to not-for-profit organizations when they were not directly associated with the Town. Therefore, the contributions line item total was reduced. Mr. Willis told Council there would be a three percent increase in health insurance this year.

**B. Executive**

Town Manager Willis explained this year's big item in the executive budget was existing contracts which included cleaning, landscaping, engineering, logics computer program, Burton Fire District, copier contract, VC-3 server maintenance contract, phase one of the form based code and postage. He said this budget comes in at two hundred fifty-

nine thousand dollars. Mr. Willis explained this budget was up due to legal fees and the final payment on the comprehensive plan update. He explained the shrimp dock line item was very high but said that is because of fuel. Mr. Willis said the docks were presently working at a loss but that was expected. He said the budget also included building maintenance on the Town Hall building.

### **C. Court**

Town Manager Willis explained the court budget was almost the same of last year. He explained because of the volume of work the court now handles, costs were up a little. Mr. Willis told Council the City of Beaufort was handling the Town's court cases on weekends which also attributed to the increase.

Town Manager Willis told Council the value of a mil in the Town had decreased twenty-five percent from last year's total. He discussed how the value of a mil is established and how its value affects the Town's revenue. Mr. Willis explained that due to an error in the county auditor's office, last year's mil was over-valued causing problems with the new budget. He also discussed how new state legislation which caps milage for municipalities affects revenue.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further comment, the workshop adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya L. Payne  
Municipal Clerk

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended notification of the workshop was posted on the Town bulletin board two weeks prior. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and posted at the meeting location twenty-four hours before the meeting.