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Mayor Wright
Board of Commissioners
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Dear Mayor Wright and Board of Commissioners:

The Proposed Budget for FY 2018/19 has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

This budget ordinance provides for General Fund Revenues and Expenditures in the amounts of \$1,594,777 and Powell Bill Fund Revenues and Expenditures in the amounts of \$120,228. **The consolidated budget this year is \$1,715,005.** This is an increase over last year's General Fund of \$94,466 and an increase in the Powell Bill Fund of \$21,228. The Tax Rate remains at \$.72 per \$100 valuation.

This proposed budget is balanced and is impacted by the following changes:

- 1) An overall increase in General Fund Revenues of 6.0% or \$94,466. This is due to an increase in Ad Valorem Valuation,
- 2) No change in Sales Tax (Article 39, 40, 42, 44 and Hold Harmless); failure to collect estimated amount in the 2017-2018 Budget Year,
- 3) ABC Profits remain revenue neutral for the new budget year,
- 4) Estimated increase in Cemetery Lot Sales,
- 5) Reduction in Parking Violation Revenues,
- 6) An anticipated grant reward for Police Vests in the amount of \$6,128,
- 7) There is no change in Health coverage with the North Carolina League of Municipality's MedCost and no change in Vision and Dental costs,
- 8) Anticipate no change in Worker's Compensation Premium,
- 9) A 4% Cost of Living for all full time employees,
- 10) A full-time administrative assistant,
- 11) Liability/Property Insurance is estimated as a 3% increase in premium,
- 12) An increase in Christmas Bonus of \$50 per employee,
- 13) Mandatory increase in Local Government Retirement for Law Enforcement Personnel and General Employees,
- 14) Purchase of 2 New Servers to properly save all Police Department records,

- 15) An increase in Code Enforcement Expenditures to remove dilapidated houses and buildings,
- 16) Required Supplemental Retirement Pay for Police Officer \$10,243,
- 17) Gas & Oil for Police and Street Department are estimated at the same amount, however with the increase in gas prices, the budget will be closely monitored for the need of additional revenue,
- 18) There's an increase in both equipment and vehicle maintenance for the Police Department due to an aging fleet and investment of new Tasers for Officers,
- 19) Dues & Subscriptions increased for the Police Department due to mandatory annual payments for radio maintenance and background checking software,
- 20) Increase in Police Department Overtime,
- 21) Equipment Payments for the Street Department increased due to the purchase of the new crew truck (+\$13,441)
- 22) A \$3,000 allocation for OneFranklinton Program,
- 23) A \$7,000 allocation for the Parks and Recreation Program,
- 24) A \$1,000 allocation for the Tree Committee,
- 25) A proposal to pave at least two streets in the Town Limits (\$93,228) streets to be determined after the beginning of the new budget year; the budget appropriates \$56,386 from the Powell Bill Fund Balance,
- 26) Pothole patching is included in this amount; footage to be determined,
- 27) Additional sidewalk replacement and repairs.

This budget is characterized as a "maintenance" budget. It anticipates no unexpected expenses for the next fiscal year.

The budget outlines a conservative approach in calculating revenues for the General Fund based on estimated values as submitted by the Franklin County Tax Collector. This budget aggressively provides for an increase in street repairs and pothole patching; and continues to maintain a monthly debris and leaf pickup schedule. The Police Department continues to struggle maintaining photographs and miscellaneous files that deal with aged and new cases. The purchase of new servers will eliminate paper files and costs associated with duplication of files. Town's administration staff and local volunteers continue to inventory and map both Cemeteries. The Town's Parks and Recreation Program has seen a significant growth over the last three years, the increase in the annual allocation will hopefully enable the program to purchase an updated concession stand and new equipment as we add additional sports to the program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Town Manager