MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL June 13, 2023 Whitsett Town Hall Building

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice, Council Members Craig York, Cindy Wheeler and Lee Greeson. Also present were Town Administrator Elaine Garner, Town Clerk Barbara York and 7 Town residents.

Mayor Richard Fennell asked Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice to offer the invocation.

Mayor Fennell then asked for a motion to officially open the June Public Hearing. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice to open the hearing; motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. Following the unanimous vote, Mayor Fennell declared the hearing in session.

Mayor Fennell stated that the items open for discussion and public comment during the hearing would be the removal the Proposed 2023-2024 General and Water Budgets, the new Water packet, the new System Utility Development packet and the updated ordinances.

- 1. As part of the discussion on the proposed budget, Town Clerk Barbara York directed everyone's attention to the line item in the General Budget for \$11,500.00 for a new generator for the Town Hall. She stated that this amount had already been paid out of the 2022-2023 budget and needed to be removed from the new proposed budget. That brought the budget total down to \$320,050.00. The mayor asked if there were any other comments or discussion from either the Council or the Public and there were none other than Ms. York thanked the Budget Committee for all of their help developing the new budget.
- **2. As for the new Water Packet and Utility Development packet,** there were no changes. The budgets, water packet, utility development packet and the ordinances have been on the Town's website for over a month for the public to review.
- **3.** The ordinances, according to Council Member Craig York, still have a few minor changes that need to be made to the Tree ordinance. He would like to make the changes to that separately within the next 30 days.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fennell offered those present a final opportunity for questions or comments; and with none, asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cindy Wheeler made the motion to close the public hearing; motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice. Motion carried by unanimous vote, and the June 13, 2023 Public Hearing was adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m., to then proceed with the regular Council meeting.

Richard Fennell, Mayor	Barbara York, Town Clerk

APPROVED: