

**Fort Fairfield Town Council Meeting
Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 6, 2015
5:00 P.M.**

Councilors: David McCrea, Jason Barnes, Susan LeVasseur, John Herold and Robert Kilcollins

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM

I. Roll Call - Chair Jason Barnes asked that the record reflect all councilors were present

Public Comment- None

II. Executive Session 5:05 PM

Motion: John Herold moved to go into Executive Session to discuss

1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) - Personnel

Second: Susan LeVasseur

Vote – All affirmative

Came out of executive session and adjourned at 5:53 PM

No Action Taken

**Fort Fairfield Budget Hearing and Presentation
Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 6, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

Councilors: David McCrea, Jason Barnes, Susan LeVasseur, John Herold and Robert Kilcollins

Staff: George Watson, Ella Leighton, Jennifer Gaenzle, Tony Levesque, Bill Campbell and Tom Towle

Citizens: 2 including media

III. Roll Call - Chair Jason Barnes asked that the record reflect all councilors were present

IV. Prayer – Tony Levesque offered the prayer

V. Pledge to the Flag - All in attendance pledged their allegiance to the Flag.

- VI. Presentation of the Town Council Budget by Town Manager – Mike presented a slide presentation, copies of that is attached to these minutes.

Some of the highlights are:

Public Works - Have 6 front line snowplows with the newest one being 14 years old and oldest one being 21 years old. They currently need to purchase one used plow truck, they will continue shopping the State and DRMO websites. \$25,000.00 will be added to their reserve account.

Police Department - They also have an aging fleet, the Dodge Durango is 9 years old with 175,000 miles. Daily wear and tear is taking over and making it unsafe for daily police duty. Suggestion is to purchase a new Police Cruiser SUV at a cost of \$28,000.00.

Fire Department – Would like to purchase a late model ¾ ton 4 wheel drive pick up to replace the Ridgeline. They will also be shopping the State and DRMO websites, \$10,000.00 will be added to their reserve account.

Another change to the budget will be the cost of living adjustment of 2% to all Non-Union Employees.

There is no anticipated mil increase in taxes.

Mike also brought up the fact that the software in the Town Office server which is 2003 vintage. Microsoft is no longer offering any protection and with all of the spam Emails coming in, it is recommended that this be updated. The Town Office server has approximately 10 users and the Library has 3. We are looking at approximately \$8,000.00 - \$9,000.00 to replace servers and hardware.

- VII. Public Comment Period - None

- VIII. Other Business - None

- IX. Adjournment

Motion: David McCrea motioned to adjourn

Second: Susan LeVasseur

Vote – All affirmative

Meeting adjourned 6:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca J. Hersey
Council Secretary