

**A called meeting to approve the FY 2019-2020 budget was held on June 19, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor John M. Kirkland presiding.**

**THOSE PRESENT**

**John M. Kirkland, Mayor  
T. G. Gill, Vice Mayor  
Ronny C. Worley  
W. H. Coleman (Absent)  
Paul “Ray” Cherry  
David M. Crowder  
Bill Thompson  
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk of Council  
Angela D. Amos, Deputy Clerk**

**GUESTS**

**A called meeting to approve the FY 2019-2020 budget was called to order by Mayor John M. Kirkland. Mrs. Bowen supplied the council with a budget synopsis as advertised. Mayor Kirkland expounded a bit further regarding the FY 2019-2020 budget by stating that the Fire Department and Rescue Squad’s appropriation of funds was increased this year, along with each department head’s request for some necessary equipment. Councilman Worley questioned the amount that the Rescue Squad and Fire Department would receive from the town. He stated that, according to this synopsis, it didn’t show that the Fire Department and Rescue Squad were receiving the same amount of money. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer, tried to explain that each year it showed a different amount due to the Fire Department’s water usage being much more. More discussion ensued, with Mrs. Bowen, pulling the past four (4) years of budgets that showed how each department had always varied, due to the water usage being included in the amount for both entities.**

**It was suggested by several of the council members and the Mayor to have the synopsis to show the donations as the same amount from now on. Councilman Bill Thompson stated that he would explain to the Rescue Squad tomorrow of how the funds are to be disbursed, and advising that they would be receiving \$10,000.00, the same as the Fire Department.**

**Mrs. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer, was questioned as to why the expenses and the revenues of each fund was showing equals amounts. She explained that in the budget process, the debits are supposed to equal the credits, and the budget is to always balance. If there is an excess amount of money in revenues (which you hope to have) then you put a contingency amount in the expenditures to make it balance. This is the way budgets are done, she said.**

**Another question was asked by Councilman Worley regarding sanitation and how the revenue and expense account for sanitation didn't balance. Mrs. Bowen explained that the sanitation revenue was for income we receive from billing customers for sanitation (garbage.) The sanitation expense is what we pay for the landfill and these two amounts would not have to, nor should they, balance, since they are two (2) different things.**

**The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the FY 2019-2020 budget, with Councilman Bill Thompson talking to the Rescue Squad to give them an explanation of what was in the newspaper. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the budget with that stipulation and Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion. All remaining council members voted in favor of the motion.**

**The meeting to adopt the budget was scheduled for Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M.**

**There being no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.**

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**Shirley S. Bowen, MMC  
Clerk of Council & Treasurer  
June 19, 2019**

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**John M. Kirkland  
Vice Mayor**