

**Town of Hertford
Town Budget Session Minutes
Monday, March 8, 2021
6:00 PM
Town of Hertford Community Center**

The Town of Hertford's Town Council held the Budget Session on Monday, March 8, 2021.

Mayor Earnell Brown called the meeting to order at **6:00 pm**.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Earnell Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Hodges, Councilman Frank Norman, Councilman Jackson, and Councilman Jerry Mimplitsch.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Pamela Hurdle, Finance Director Brian Lewis, Interim Public Works Harry Sanchez, Police Chief Dennis Brown, Officer Polumbo, Officer Knigge, and Sharion Sumrall.

OTHERS PRESENT

Muriel Harmon, Barry Ford, Gracie Felton, Susan Cyr, Matt Cyr, Gilbert Vaughan, Frank Jaklic, Sandra Anderson, and Connie Brothers.

The invocation was offered by Rev. Gilbert Vaughn of Immanuel Pentecostal Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENTS

FINANCE/UTILITIES/ADMIN DEPARTMENT

Director Lewis presented that two (2) positions are requested to be added to the staff. Those positions are DMV/Utility Clerk and a Utility tech and Mr. Lewis explained the need.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the absence of Chief Woodard, Manager Hurdle presented the fire department budget proposal. Manager Hurdle stated the fire department does not have anything extra requested in the budget. The fire department will strategize this budget year to replace a fire truck that has reached the 20-year mark. Manager Hurdle stated it is recommended that the fire engine be replaced at the 20-year mark. The fire department will focus on ways to fund a new fire station and location.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Brown requested the police department not be presented at this meeting. Chief Brown felt that it will not be fair to present a budget that can be contrasted with the Sheriff's department.

A motion was made by Council Jackson that Police Chief and it was seconded by Councilman Norman.

The vote was:

Councilman Mimplitsch	Yay
Councilman Norman	Yay
Councilman Jackson	Yay
Pro Tem Hodges	Abstain/Yay
Mayor Brown	Yay

The vote was 5-0

The Town Council approved that Police Chief Brown does not have to present his budget in fear of competition.

Mayor Brown asked the Chief when will his budget be presented. Chief Brown stated he will have the budget to the Manager on Wednesday.

Projected police department budget was:

<u>Budget year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
2010-2011	\$677,309.09	\$855,357.28	\$21,951.81
2011-2012	\$848,279.08	\$785,445.55	\$60,833.51
2012-2013	\$691,798.98	\$611,730.83	\$80,068.15
2013-2014	\$667,523.26	\$648,786.75	\$18,736.51
2014-2015	\$626,063.93	\$615,824.56	\$12,239.37
2015-2016	\$644,271.15	\$612,904.46	\$31,366.69
2016-2017	\$738,229.44	\$704,842.83	\$31,366.61
2017-2018	\$731,871.85	\$678,163.76	\$53,708.09
2018-2019	\$747,024.38	\$647,714.69	\$99,909.69
2019-2020	\$960,987.09	\$782,684.52	\$178,302.57

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Interim Public Works Director Sanchez stated proposed items for:

Street Department: Flatbed Truck, mini escalator, signs, gutter, paving, Ice plant remodel

Collections: new gate install, mini escalator, 2 maintenance mechanic, administrative assistant

WWTP: tractor, UTV, new gate(shared expense with Collections), building upgrade, pump stations, generators

Electric: pole replacement, lineman

Water: pickup truck,

GOVERNING BODY

Because the Governing Body has not met to discuss their budget, a meeting has been scheduled for March 22, 2021, at 7:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other discussion, Councilman Norman made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hodges. The vote:

Councilman Mimplitsch Yay
Councilman Norman Yay
Councilman Jackson Yay
Pro Tem Hodges Yay
Mayor Brown Yay

The vote was 5-0

Council voted to adjourn the meeting at **7:37 pm**