

A Public Hearing was held **June 5, 2017** at 5:00 pm in the City Hall building for the purposed 2017-2018 Budget. No one spoke for or against the budget. David Hilton made the motion to close the public hearing. Sandy Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council was held on May 1, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall building with the following present:

Clerk: Anna A. Payne	Mayor:	William N. Hughes
Attorney: Ronald M. Cowan	Council:	Frank Dickey David Hilton
Cherokee Scout: Matthew Osborne		Barry McClure Sandy Sumpter
		Karen Watson

Mayor Hughes presented plaques to retired firemen Doug King and Carlton Fowler for their years of service. King had 40 years of service while Fowler had 36.47. Mayor Hughes expressed appreciation from himself, the Town Council and the citizens of Murphy.

Chief Lovingood was on hand to present a plaque to Bobby Barton for completing the Executive Fire Officer Program. This is a four year program in Emmetsburg, Md.

Mayor Hughes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Barry McClure made the motion to approve the minutes of the meetings. Frank Dickey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

David Hilton, duly seconded by, Sandy Sumpter made the motion to approve water and sewer releases totaling \$6,630.11. Motion carried.

David Hilton, duly seconded by, Sandy Sumpter made the motion to approve the following tax release. totaling \$17.34. Motion carried.

#2522 2016 release Taylor, Hillary Elizabeth- per county not inside city \$17.34 Val 2,000

Lea Scroggs, Murphy Housing Authority Manager, requested the Board approve the new Operating Budget as presented for 2017-18. Barry McClure made the motion to approve the request. David Hilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lea Scroggs, Murphy Housing Authority Manager,, requested the Board approve the amended Operating Budget for 2017-18. Barry McClure made the motion to approve the request. Sandy Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lea Scroggs, Murphy Housing Authority Manager, requested the Board approve the collection loss for 6/30/17 in the amount of \$4,522.37. Frank Dickey made the motion to approve the request. David Hilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager Payne requested the 2017-18 Budget Ordinance be approved. The budget did not have an increase in taxes nor water and sewer rates . Karen Watson made the motion to approve the 2017-18 budget. Barry McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2017-2018 Budget Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Commissioners of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina in a special session assembled:

I. That the following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of Town of Murphy government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 according to the following summary and schedules.

Summary-All Accounts	Estimated Revenues	Total Budget Appropriation
General Fund	\$2,233,050	\$2,233,050
Firemen's Relief	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Powell Bill Fund	\$56,000	\$56,000
Rural Fire District	\$285,000	\$285,000
Utility Fund	\$1,455,600	\$1,455,600
TOTAL	\$3,842,000	\$4,038,650

II. That for the said year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund the following:

Code	Department	Appropriation
10-420	Administration	527,200
10-430	Election	8,000
10-510	Police	817,400
10-530	Fire	180,100
10-560	Streets	199,100
10-580	Sanitation	141,800
10-620	Recreation	23,000
10-630	Library	215,850
10-640	Cemetery	21,000
10-399	USDA Debt Service	99,600
	TOTAL	\$2,233,050
14-000	Firemen's Relief	\$9,000
	TOTAL	\$9,000

15-570	Powell Bill Fund	\$56,000
	TOTAL	\$56,000

20-530	Murphy Rural Fire District	285,000
	TOTAL	\$285,000

III. It is estimated that the following General Fund revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 ending June 30, 2018 to meet the following General Fund appropriations:

Code	Revenue source	Amount
10-301-04	Library Fees & Fines	7,225
10-301-11	Vehicle Tax - Cherokee Co	35,000
10-302-09	2009 Taxes	500
10-302-10	2010 Taxes	1,500
10-302-11	2011 Taxes	3,000
10-302-12	2012 Taxes	1,500
10-302-13	2013 Taxes	3,000
10-302-14	2014 Taxes	9,000
10-302-15	2015 Taxes	20,000
10-302-16	2016 Taxes	45,000
10-302-17	2017 Taxes	815,000
10-317-00	Tax Penalty & Interest	13,000
10-329-00	Interest On Investment	100
10-331-00	Rental Property	1,125
10-331-01	Wal-Mart Grant	2,500
10-335-00	Miscellaneous Revenue	13,500
10-336-00	Drug & Alcohol Program	500
10-337-00	Utility Franchise	92,000
10-345-00	Local Option Sales Tax	450,000
10-346-00	Solid Waste Disposal	800
10-347-00	Beverage Tax	70,000
10-347-02	ABC Tax Law Enforcement	5,000
10-351-00	Court Cost & Fees	500
10-354-00	EBCI Fire Protection	95,000
10-355-00	Zoning Permit	600
10-399-00	TVA - Lieu Of Tax	48,200
10-399-01	Power Board – Lieu Of Tax	105,000
10-399-02	Murphy Housing Lieu of Tax	11,700
10-399-03	Fund Balance App	250,000
10-399-04	Power Board Rent	23,200
10-399-10	Garbage Fees -	10,000
10-999-80	Transfer From Rural Fire	99,600
	TOTAL	\$ 2,233,050

14-000	Firemen's Relief	\$9,000
	TOTAL	\$9,000

15-570	Powell Bill Fund	\$56,000
	TOTAL	\$56,000
20-301-12	Fire District Tax	\$285,000

	TOTAL	\$285,000
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IV. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Utility Fund the following expense in the Water Department:

Code	Department	Amount
30-809	Water Filter Plant	411,400
30-810	Water Utility	499,900
30-811	Wastewater	544,300
	TOTAL	\$ 1,455,600

V. It is estimated that the following Utility Fund revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 to meet the foregoing Utility appropriations:

Code	Department	Amount
30-329-00	Interest on Investment	100
30-335-00	Miscellaneous Revenue	10,000
30-371-00	Water Receipts	860,000
30-371-01	Sewer Receipts	496,400
30-374-00	Reconnect Fees	3,000
30-375-00	Water Tap Fees	10,000
30-375-01	Water Cost Recovery Fees	14,820
30-375-02	Sewer Tap Fees	14,880
30-375-03	Sewer Cost Recovery Fees	46,400
	TOTAL	\$ 1,455,600

VI. There is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 a tax rate of \$ 0.42 on each \$100 assessed valuation of taxable property as listed inside the town limits of Murphy as of January 2016 for the purpose of raising the revenue from current years property tax as set forth in the foregoing estimates of revenue, and in order to finance the foregoing appropriations:

General Fund

For the general expense incident to the proper government in Murphy	\$ 0.42
Tax rate per one hundred (\$100) assessed valuation	\$ 0.42

Such tax rates are based on an estimated total appraised value of property for the purpose of taxation of \$228,673,334 with an assessment ration of 100% of appraised value. Estimated collection rate of 92.42% is based on fiscal year collection rate of 2015-2016.

VII. Copies of the budget ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Officer and Town Manager of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina to be kept on file for them for their direction in the collection of revenues and expenditures of amounts appropriated.

VIII. Special Authorization Budget Officer

The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. She may transfer amounts between line item expenditures within a department without limitation and without a report being required. These changes should not result in increases in recurring obligations such as salaries.
- b. She may transfer amounts up to one thousand (\$1,000) dollars between departments, including contingency appropriations within the same fund.
- c. She must make an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. She may not transfer any amounts between funds, except as approved by the Board of Commissioners in the Budget Ordinance as amended.

IX. The Budget Officer may make cash advances between funds for periods not to exceed 60 days without reporting to the Board of Commissioners. Any advances that extend beyond 60 days must be approved by the Board. All advances that will be outstanding at the end of the fiscal year must be approved by the Board.

X. Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and to the Budget Officer and Finance Officer to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 5th day of June 2017.

Frank E. Dickey (signed)	David C. Hilton (signed)	Barry McClure (signed)
Sandra N. Sumpter (signed)	Karen Watson (signed)	

Barbara Hughes appeared before the Council to request funding and support for the Solar Fest in August. She was working as a volunteer to put together some things before the event. She noted that there was supposed to be 126,000 in Cherokee County for the event. After much discussion, the Council appropriated \$4,000.00 for the event. Mrs. Hughes was to report back to the Council in July for an update on possible future needs.

Town Manager Payne requested the following resolution be adopted. Barry McClure made the motion to adopt the resolution. Sandy Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF MURPHY TOWN COUNCIL**

Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute All CDBG and NCDEQ Related Documents

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Murphy Town Council in session duly assembled, that the Town Manager as Chief Administrator of the Town Government is hereby delegated to sign and execute all CDBG and NCDEQ related documents.

ADOPTED the 5th day of June, 2017.

William N. Hughes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk to Board

Town Manager Payne requested the following budget amendments be approved. David Hilton made the motion to approve the amendments as presented. Sandy Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Decrease			Increase
Admin			
10-420-02	\$19,200		10-420-03 \$13,100
			10-420-21 \$2,100
			10-420-33 \$4,000
Police			
10-399-00	\$20,000		10-510-02 \$20,000
Fire			
10-530-10	\$13,000		10-530-02 \$12,000
			10-530-05 \$1,000
Streets			
10-560-02	\$15,000		10-560-19 15,000
Sanitation			
10-580-17	\$4,000		10-580-02 \$4,000
Utility Fund			
Increase	Revenue	30-371-00	\$100,000
Increase	Expense		
30-809-13	\$12,700	30-809-34	\$17,300
30-810-17	\$2,000	30-810-31	\$4,000
30-810-33	\$18,000	30-810-82	\$14,000
30-811-02	\$3,000	30-811-33	\$29,000
Total expense increase \$100,000			

Town Manager Payne reported that Chief Lovingood had submitted Glenn F. Carson III (Trae) application for approval as a volunteer fireman contingent upon his background check.

Requests by Ben Pierce and David Vowell (CC Arts Council) were tabled until the July meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. was made by Karen Watson and duly seconded by Barry McClure. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor