

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO

MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

MEETING TIME: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF
ASHEBORO CITY HALL,
146 NORTH CHURCH STREET,
ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27203

At 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023, the Asheboro City Council will convene for a special meeting in the council chamber on the 2nd floor of Asheboro City Hall, 146 N. Church Street, Asheboro, North Carolina 27203.

The purpose of this meeting is to hold a public hearing on the proposed City of Asheboro budget for the upcoming fiscal year (FY 2023-2024). This public hearing will also serve as the required hearing on proposed appropriations for economic development purposes that are not for business location incentives or related to real property.

At the public hearing, oral and written comments will be received from individuals who wish to be heard on the budget proposal. Additionally, until twenty-four hours have lapsed after the advertised public hearing on June the 15th, written comments on the subject of the public hearing may continue to be submitted to the city clerk for distribution to the city’s elected officials.

This special meeting of the Asheboro City Council will be held in open session, and anyone who wishes to attend the meeting is welcome.

This special meeting notice was issued on the 7th day of June, 2023.

David H. Smith
David H. Smith, Mayor
City of Asheboro, North Carolina

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This being the time and place for a special meeting of the Asheboro City Council, a meeting was held with the following elected officials and city management team members present:

David H. Smith	) – Mayor Presiding
Clark R. Bell	)
Edward J. Burks	)
Kelly L. Heath	)
William N. McCaskill	)
Walker B. Moffitt	)
Jane H. Redding	)
Charles A. Swiers	)
	John N. Ogburn, III, City Manager
	Robert L. Brown, Jr., Assistant Chief of Police
	Timothy E. Cockman, Deputy Fire Chief

Holly H. Doerr, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk/Paralegal
Steven B. Hackett, Deputy Finance Director
Michael L. Leonard, PE, City Engineer
Deborah P. Reaves, Finance Director
Jeffrey C. Sugg, City Attorney
Willie Summers, Fire Chief
Charles D. Wagner, Police Captain

1. Call to order

A quorum thus being present, Mayor Smith called the meeting to order for the transaction of business and business was transacted as follows.

2. Public Hearing on the Proposed Annual Operating Budget FY 2023-2024

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. The first speaker was City of Asheboro Finance Director Deborah Reaves.

Ms. Reaves reported that the proposed budget was initially presented to the council during a special meeting on May 30, 2023. Notice of the public hearing was published in *The Courier Tribune* and posted on the city's website.

In addition to posting the budget on the city's website, the budget is on file and available for public inspection in the city clerk's office. Ms. Reaves utilized a slide show presentation in order to discuss the details and highlights of the proposed budget. A copy of the presentation is on file in the city clerk's office.

The proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 budget is balanced at \$73,165,165.00. An adjustment in the property tax rate is recommended at \$0.72 per \$100 valuation. There are no increases in water and sewer rates recommended.

During her presentation, the finance director highlighted certain expenses including, but not limited to:

- A 5% COLA effective January 1, 2024 for all current City of Asheboro employees
- Funding for DAI Executive Director on payroll starting January 2024
- \$820,847 for workers compensation and property insurance
- \$1,073,068 for existing debt service
- \$709,100 for Utilities with \$240,000 of this expense is for the Zoo City Sportsplex
- \$2,045,335 for fuel (Gas Oil Tires)
- \$690,978 in contracted services in the Police Department including 911
- \$2,968,371 in Capital Outlay with various sources of funding
- \$200,000 to complete City Hall parking lot rolled over to 2023-2024
- \$40,000 for Public Transportation Grant Match for Zoo City Bus Route
- \$150,000 Community Redevelopment for Jarrell Garden Landscape and Visitor Center design, Trade Street Engineering, City Mobile App development, AFD Emergency Operations Center Grant Administration, PTRC Grant and Planning Services, Acme Redevelopment and Conveyance Services
- \$30,000 for Code Enforcement Activities – Demolition and Hauling
- \$70,000 Community Development unassigned
- \$50,000 Match for NCDOT pedestrian projects – Sidewalks match
- \$154,500 Economic Incentives to Energizer: \$42,000 Annual Performance Based Incentive to Energizer – pmt. 1 of 5 and \$112,500 Local Match for Energizer One NC Grant
- \$865,000 budgeted for Economic Development payments to local agencies – allocation to be determined in July 2023
- \$500,000 for Library HVAC – Requesting additional grant from State
- \$120,000 for Library Books, Periodicals, Supplies

- \$22,000 for Park Shelter/Bathhouse roof repair (Memorial, North, East Side)
- \$20,000 Concession stand roof repair (City Fields, North Park)
- \$30,000 Kayaks and Jon Boats at Lake Lucas

The annual budget adoption meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber in Asheboro City Hall, 146 North Church Street, Asheboro, North Carolina 27203.

When Ms. Reaves concluded her presentation, Assistant Chief of Police Robert Brown and Fire Chief Willie Summers presented comments in support of the proposed budget. At the conclusion of their comments, Mayor Smith asked if anyone from the public would like to offer any comments on the city's proposed budget.

Mr. Barry Betts, Mr. Phil Cooper, and Mr. Bob Derr all presented questions and comments in relation to the proposed property tax rate increase. Mr. Derr presented written comments to Mayor Smith and the council members prior to the meeting.

No action was requested of the council in connection with the proposed budget, and none was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

/s/Holly H. Doerr
Holly H. Doerr, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk

/s/David H. Smith
David H. Smith, Mayor