



**AGENDA MINUTES**  
**McIntosh Town Budget Meeting,**  
**Civic Center 5835 Avenue F**  
**Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 6:00pm**

*\*\*Notice to Meeting Attendee\*\**  
*As a courtesy to others, please ensure cell phones are turned off during meeting*  
*Welcome to the Town of McIntosh Town Council meeting.*

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Callahan.

II. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

III. **ROLL CALL** (P= Present, A=Absent)

President Callahan     P  
Vice President Ciotti     P  
Councilor Cir Sindledecker     P  
Councilor Cir Naworensky     P  
Councilor Jones     A

IV. **PRESENTATION OF BUDGET**

Notice of Meeting Posted on Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Presented by Vice President Ciotti

Before we go through the resolutions to adopt, did everyone have a chance to review the new budget. Rental. A copy of the budget was offered to the only resident who was in attendance.

Basically, I looked at the budget with open eyes. I asked Jonathan at the time to give me ten months of expenses of all the items in the budget and also the FIT account. So, revenues of what we're looking at from Duke, Communication Service taxes, Municipal service tax, propane tax; my modus operandi' is to take what we have for ten months, come up with an average multiply by twelve and I timed everything by 90% because you never know what's going to happen. So, we have about 10% lower expenses, but I say that, if you don't go over in expenditures where I put general funds and reserves of \$50,000. So that's

where the 10% of \$450,000, I put it in reserves so in case something gets out of whack, it becomes a stable budget and something we can live with.

If you go down to rental income everything is the same. I think at our first budget workshop everyone felt it's probably not a good time of the year to raise people's rent or mess up what we have going. So that's the bottom left side – rental income. Under Expenses - reserves of \$50K, call it reserves or capital outlay, we may decide on a whim, to buy Mark a new truck...

Mayor Roddy – Mark a new truck? Laughter??

Cir Naworensky – do we need to make a motion? Laughter...

Vice President Ciotti – or maybe get David a new truck. But the operating increase as far as expenses, we've upgraded administration, we have upgraded management and also have a p/t bookkeeper on staff. From council's discussion, the objective to that is to allow the manager time to work with committees, look at our land development codes and possible updating most of our ordinances which all need some tweaking. Primarily the tree ordinance, the historical ordinances, we need to set up this little thing about setbacks. Hopefully Jeannie is going to be in a position to have a little time to breathe and think, and she may also be able to apply for a grant or two.

The other is Marion County Sheriff's Department, so far, we only have committed for \$2400, so I took that average of what we are using for the Sheriff, and I think that's a good thing, it's working out so that was a \$12,000 item that we did not have last year. The Marion County Sheriff's Department. I should have coded it something different or called it something different. The other increase if you look at Trees on the bottom at the far right on bottom under Tree Expense, we spent well over our budget last year which was \$12,000 and I think we're at \$18,000, so I budgeted \$20,000 and that's almost a 50% increase. So, with that we are increasing our taxes our ad valorem tax income from \$42K to \$56K, so that's a \$14K increase coupled with additional revenues from a growing Marion County, we should be able to handle our budget. We raised the ad valorem tax from 2.11 to 2.50 millage based upon the additional expenses that we all wanted to move forward. With that being said, I'm going to ask if there are any questions, I would be glad to cover and if not, we can move on to the adoption of the tentative millage rate of 2.50 mills.

Question from the audience (Mary Ann) – at the last meeting, wasn't there discussion about animal control?

Vice President Ciotti – yes.

Rickman responded that we do not pay the invoice until April 2022 which is 50% of the total amount due in the first year. That agreement was dropped off, executed by the Mayor Roddy, this morning at the clerk's office, so we can expect a certified copy to us from the Clerk's office. The services because effective began the day it was signed.

Vice President Ciotti – it's a small amount when I did this wasn't on the table, so that will be included in capital outlay or general. It's only going to be for the first year.

Cir Sindledecker – the reserves.

President Callahan stated one half of that only going to be \$1,000?

Rickman affirmed 50%, I may have said 75%, but it's 50% the first year in April 2022, 75% the following year of the total amount, and 100% the third year and each year thereafter.

Vice President Ciotti – we will have to add that to....

President Callahan – it will get paid out of reserves.

Rickman stated we may not have to touch the reserves. We may be able to manage that, and you do have a miscellaneous expense, but I will look at that first before we think about going into reserves if you like.

Vice President Ciotti continued... One item which is more than we anticipated is the Municipal codification, the MuniCode. WE budgeted only \$4,000, and I think it only cost us approximately \$2400.

Mayor Roddy– wasn't there some discussion about putting some money away, when we were dealing with the water company, and water meters. Wasn't there an additional...

Vice President Ciotti stated we spent that money. The meters.

Cir Sindledecker commented each year there was going to be a certain amount of money that was suggested, and I thought it was \$18K, but I could be wrong.

Vice President Ciotti stated that's not in our budget because we're hoping to get the American Relief funding (ARPA) from the government. We paid out of our budget for the meters.

Mayor Roddy stated I thought it was more for the pipes. Something along those lines.

Cir Sindledecker – it was actually set aside a certain amount every year and I thought it was \$18, but I don't have it with me, but we could look at it.

Cir Narowensky stated it was 18%

Mayor Roddy stated I thought it was 18%

Cir Sindledecker added 18%, thank you. I'm sorry. 18%

Vice President Ciotti added I didn't deal with those figures because we don't have a true picture with what's going to come in.

Cir Sindledecker so we could start that next year, but that's actually a fund that we set up so we set the money aside and build the fund up so that the next time that we need to do something and can't, we will have it, but if we get the money and don't have to spend our, and we get that back then we could use of that money for that. Is that what you're thinking?

Vice President Ciotti said that in a few months we will be able to look at our water expenses versus the income, and if we do want to reach the 18% threshold income then we would have to consider raising the water.

President Callahan – well the increase that we should get from the new meters should raise the income so that we will have the 18% to set aside.

Cir Sindledecker added that and discovering where we are losing the 100M gallons. Which is not without chlorine and not without cost. I know we pumped it and it's a waste of water, but the other thing is we treated it, I know we went through all that trouble, so I know we spent money on it.

The Mayor Roddy asked so that the 18% be out of the water fund?

Cir Sindledecker commented – sounds like it's supposed to be.

President Callahan – the profit from the water.

Mayor Roddy questioned so that is the \$75K from the water fund on the revenue side. So that' would be correct \$13,500 if we were to do that.

President Callahan – but we don't what the true revenue will be.

Mayor Roddy asked so we are just going, just being blatant, to find out how much money we can get?

Vice President Ciotti stated yes traditionally we are getting \$200K

Mayor Roddy stated the water fund is \$75K

Cir Sindledecker – we are going to see if we can get reimbursed or pay for the meters. We are going to see what is happening with the law and with the new meters and how those changes what's billed. We are going to see whether or not we are still losing, as many gallons, we have to figure that out which will cut down expenses. And then I think we discussed having then once we have those pieces of information have a conversation about whether or not the water prices are appropriate.

Vice President Ciotti stated we will just have to see where our budget, see how money is coming in, our income. We are hoping... The income is \$75, but we are spending \$80K so we just have to keep an eye on it. We changed the increase in water 2 years ago.

Cir Sindledecker – yes it was \$35 or \$36, now it's \$40.80 if you don't go over.

Vice President Ciotti stated so the budget comes to an expense of 2.5mills from 2.11 from last year and I'm going to ask for a motion to consider...

President Callahan – why don't you just make the motion.

## V. **ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET**

- i) Proposed Resolution 2021-02 – FY 2021-2022 Tentative Millage Rate of 2.50 Mills  
(*See Discussion above.*)
- ii) Public Comment - None
- iii) Adoption by Roll Call of Resolution 2021-02 – FY 2021-2022 Tentative Millage Rate of 2.50 Mills

Vice President Ciotti made the motion to adopt Resolution 21-02 to tentatively increase the millage from 2.11 mills to 2.50 mills for the budget year 2021-22.

Seconded by Cir Sindledecker.

Roll Call for Vote, required by Ordinance.

Cir Sindledecker asked, is this where you ask for any more discussion, so that we get into the rhythm. I think you're supposed to ask if there is any more discussion here, and then, if not we bring it to a vote. I only point that out, so we get into that.

Rickman – If there is none, you close the discussion and you officially take the vote.

Rickman proceeded with Roll Call of Vote:

President Callahan - Yes

Cir Vice President Ciotti - Yes

Cir Sindledecker - Yes

Cir Naworensky - Yes

The Motion to adopt Resolution 21-02 to tentatively adopt the millage from 2.11 mills to 2.50 mills for the Fiscal year 2021-22 was approved unanimously.

**iv) Proposed Resolution 2021-03 – FY 2021-2022 Tentative Budget**

Vice President Ciotti proposed a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 which is the Resolution providing for the appropriation of funds for the Town of McIntosh for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, providing for General Revenue and General Fund Expenditures.

**v) Public Comment**

President Callahan asked if there were any further discussion. Seeing none.

**vi) Adoption by Roll Call of Resolution 2021-03 – FY 2021-2022 Tentative Budget**

Motion Approved by Vice President Ciotti

Seconded by Cir Naworensky

Rickman proceeded with Roll Call of Vote:

President Callahan - Yes

Cir Vice President Ciotti - Yes

Cir Sindledecker - Yes

Cir Naworensky - Yes

Motion Approved Adopting Resolution 2021-03 for FY 2021-2022 Tentative Budget.

Rickman mentioned as part of the package for the TRIM notice that we have to do, we have to provide a copy of the notice, so I wanted to be sure that I read into the minutes that the notice of the meeting was posted on September 2, both on the municipal website and the bulletin board at Town Hall. I wanted to mention that so that it is included, and we are in compliance with the State.

VI. **NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING – SEPTEMBER 28, 2021, AT 6:00 PM**

President Callahan presented the announcement of Final Budget Hearing on September 28, at 6:00 pm. located at Community Center.

Vice President Ciotti – I have asked for the DOR Revenue password for Jeannie to get in with the password.

VII. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Roddy thanks council for being so fiscally responsible with our money of the town.

Cir Sindledecker thanks Vice President Ciotti for the work in preparing the budget this year. Mayor Roddy added ...Every year has been so wonderful that we have been able to accomplish things in a professional and meaningful manner where we are not butting heads. We stayed above level all these years. We have money in the bank. We are fiscally responsible with our money and that's a very good sign that we are a very good community that a lot of people are going to be looking at in the future. This is a perfect example to show them what type of community this is.

Cir Naworensky – I agree with a slight tax increase, but we've added services.

Mayor Roddy added but how many times have we increased taxes

Cir Sindledecker – well the point is we've added services, we are looking to the future and the present. I agree.

Cir Naworensky – there is value in those increases.

Cir Sindledecker – that's right.

Mayor Roddy – if you look at other municipalities in this area, this increase is probably the lowest, one of the lowest, if not the lowest. If you look at Micanopy, I think theirs is 8 point something.

Cir Sindledecker – and they don't have a police force.

Mayor Roddy - no, and what additional services do they offer?

Vice President Ciotti – they don't even have water.... Jokingly

Cir Sindledecker- I lived there, you're not telling me anything new. (Laughter) Sorry I digress.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.