

Regular Meeting – October 17, 2023

The Fairmont Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fairmont-South Robeson Heritage Center with Mayor Charles Kemp presiding. Commissioners present were J.J. McCree, Terry Evans, Heather Seibles, Clarence McNeill, Jr., Melvin Ellison, and Jan Tedder-Rogers. Staff present included Town Manager Jerome Chestnut, Town Attorney Jessica Scott, Deputy Town Clerk Rodney Cain, Public Works Director Ronnie Seals, and Police Chief Jon Edwards. Others in attendance included Dr. Charles “Chuck” Williams, Mr. Huel Faulk, and several citizens.

#### Call to Order and Invocation

Mayor Charles Kemp called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Dr. Charles “Chuck” Williams, pastor of Baltimore Baptist Church, gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Mayor Presentation

Mayor Kemp introduced NC House of Representative, Jarrod Lowery and Mark Locklear, a representative from North Carolina Senator Danny Britt’s office.

Recently, the state budget was passed. The state awarded the Town of Fairmont 3.5 million dollars to build a new Town Hall.

Rep. Lowery and Mr. Locklear presented a check to Mayor Kemp and Council.

#### Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ellison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Public Comment Period/Citizens Appearance

Mr. Huel Faulk of 106 Jenkins St. Fairmont expressed his concern over violence in his neighborhood.

#### Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Ellison, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following consent agenda items:

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, September 19, 2023

Ordinance 23-245 – Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Amendment #3 in the amount of \$40,140

Ordinance 23-246 – CDBG-I FY 17 Project Budget Ordinance - \$500,000

Signed copies of the minutes, resolutions, and budget ordinance are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

#### Old Business

There was no old business this month.

#### New Business

There was no new business this month.

Ordinance 23-245 Budget Amendment #3 – Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$40,140

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Fairmont, previously approved the Annual Budget Ordinance 22-240; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make amendments to the budget to reflect additional revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Fairmont, North Carolina that:

SECTION I. General Fund Revenue is hereby increased \$32,640 from \$2,470,950 to \$2,503,590 as shown as follows:

General Fund Balance	<u>\$ 32,640</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 32,640

General Fund Expenditures are hereby increased \$32,640 from \$2,470,950 to \$2,503,590 as shown as follows:

Police Capital Outlay	<u>\$ 32,640</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 32,640

SECTION II. Water/Sewer Fund Revenue is hereby increased \$7,500 from \$1,540,011 to \$1,547,511 as shown as follows:

Water/Sewer Revenue Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 7,500</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 7,500

Water/Sewer Fund Expenditures are hereby increased \$7,500 from \$1,540,011 to \$1,547,511 as shown as follows:

Maintenance/Repair Building & Grounds	\$ 6,000
Advertising	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,500

SECTION III. General Fund Expenditures transfers in the amount of \$10,590 are shown as follows:

<b>Description/Object of Expenditure</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Increase</b>
PLANNING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -
POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES	\$ 230.00	\$ -
POLICE DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ -	\$ 230.00
SANITATION M/R EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
SANITATION M/R VEHICLES	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
SANITATION CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ -	\$ 500.00
FIRE AUTO SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00
FIRE M/R EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -
FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ 760.00
FIRE DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	<u>\$ 760.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	\$ 10,590.00	\$ 10,590.00

Ordinance 23-245 Budget Amendment #3 – Continuation

SECTION IV. Revenues and Expenditures of the Ordinance Amendment have increased \$40,140 from \$4,145,861 to \$4,186,001 as follows:

SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	\$2,503,590.00
POWELL BILL FUND	\$111,730.00
WATER & SEWER FUND	\$1,547,511.00
FEDERAL DRUG FUND	\$100.00
STATE DRUG FUND	\$50.00
RBEG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$4,000.00
CEMETERY FUND	\$19,020.00
TOTAL	<u>\$4,186,001.00</u>

Adopted this 17th day of October 2023.

Ordinance 23-246 CDBG-I – Fiscal Year 2017 in the amount of \$500,000.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Fairmont Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1 The project authorized includes the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements project to be financed with grant funds from the NC Department of Environment Quality (CDBG Infrastructure No. 17-I-3608).

Section 2 The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the grant documents and the budget contained herein.

Section 3 The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Sewer	\$483,000
Administration	<u>\$17,000</u>
	<b><u>\$500,000</u></b>

Section 4 The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

	<u>CDBG</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sewer	\$483,000	\$0	\$483,000
Administration	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$17,000</u>
TOTAL:	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

Ordinance 23-246 CDBG-I – Fiscal Year 2017 - Continuation.

Section 5 The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the grantor agency, the grant agreements, and federal regulations.

Section 6 Funds may be advanced from the General Fund for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests should be made to the grantor agency in an orderly and timely manner.

Section 7 The Finance Officer is directed to report, on a quarterly basis, on the financial status of each project element in Section 3 and on the total grant revenues received or claimed.

Section 8 The Finance Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this capital project in every budget submission made to the Board of Commissioners.

Section 9 Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the Board of Commissioners and to the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2023.

Commissioner Input

The commissioners thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting. They thanked Rep. Lowery and Mr. Mark Locklear for their presentation.

Mayor Input

Mayor Kemp reminded the board of the Job Fair and Blood Drive at the Heritage Center on October 18, 2023.

Manager Input

Town Manager Jerome Chestnut once again showed his appreciation to the state Representatives and is looking forward to getting started on the new Town Hall Project.

Announcements

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Grand Marshal’s Dinner, Fairmont Golf Course, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Fairmont Farmers Festival, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Tornado Tank, Heritage Center, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Fairmont Truck or Treat, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – Senior Bingo, Heritage Center, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – Election Day, Fire Hall

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day Ceremony, Heritage Center, 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – Regular Town Board Meeting, Fire Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – Rotary Club Meeting, Heritage Center

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Ellison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Rodney A Cain  
Deputy Town Clerk