

TOWN OF RED SPRINGS



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May 2, 2017

Hon. Mayor and Members of Board of Commissioners
Town of Red Springs
Red Springs, North Carolina 28377

Mayor and Board,

As we finalize this budget process for 2017-2018, thanks are extended to Red Springs Board of Commissioners and its staff. We started the Budget procedure with a Retreat that was held on March 24st and 25th. This was our fifth Annual Retreat for the Town of Red Springs and the Board was united in its effort to move Red Springs forward. During this Retreat the Board opted not to have outside presenters by allowing more discussion by Staff. Each Department Head presented their needs for fiscal year 2017-2018. Red Springs Board of Commissioners shared their views on needs in the upcoming fiscal year. The Board met on three separate occasions for budget workshop meetings (April 3rd, April 10th, April 24th and May 8th). On June 6th a balanced budget was presented for approval.

EXPENDITURES

This proposed budget represents estimates of information available at the time. In some instances, assumptions were made and are reflected in this budget.

- 1) Salaries will reflect a 2.0% COLA
- 2) FICA will remain the same at 7.65%
- 3) A Full Time position in that includes Fire Inspection, Animal Control, Building Inspection and serving as Public Safety Officer.
- 4) An increase from 1% contribution to 2% for Non Law Enforcement to 401-K
- 5) Medical Insurance will reflects a 9.7% increase in our current premium
- 6) Workers Compensation reflects a decrease again in our annual premiums.
- 7) Property Liability reflects a decrease again, in our annual premiums.

- 8) Electric Department was given an additional \$200,000.00 for Conversion
- 9) Sanitation Department will budget \$20,000.00 over the next three years for Mulch Removal.
- 10) Police Department will purchase a K-9 Dog, (2) new vehicles, (2) AED
- 11) Legislative will purchase a Governmental Recorder
- 12) Building and Grounds will have a professional Landscaper to landscape the area around the Columbarium's
- 13) Parks and Recreation will purchase Playground Equipment and staff a Part Time for year round.
- 14) Streets will purchase a Street Sweeper and Hot Box
- 15) Fire Department will purchase (2) Computers and a radio for Fire Truck
- 16) Inspection will purchase a used vehicle

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Based on information from Robeson County Tax Office, at collection rate of 90.45% on real and personal, utilities at 100% and motor vehicle at 66.46% the following revenue will be as follows:

Pre Billing figure \$ \$980,000.00

- 1) Payment in lieu of taxes approximately \$3,000.00/yr.
- 2) Community Building rental at \$11,000.00/yr.
- 3) Sanfatex Building Rental at \$185,592.00/yr.
- 4) Sanitation, Water and Sewer and Electric Rates refer to Rate Schedules
- 5) Inspection Fees at \$30,000
- 6) North Carolina Governors Safety Grant and Department of Justice COPS Grant Award
- 7) Cemetery Revenues at \$7,000.00
- 8) Sale of Governmental Owned Property \$30,000.00

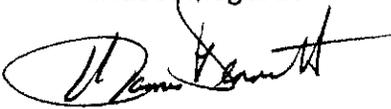
The 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget represents an effort to support the continuation of existing services while funding these projects that are paramount to the growth and survival of our town. We are adding money to our Capital Reserve Fund in Electric, we have budgeted \$200,000.00 for FY 2017-2018. Capital Reserve in the General Fund is \$93,662.00. In Water/Sewer Department we have \$60,226.00 for our Capital Reserve.

Again this budget represents an ability to provide core services to the citizens of Red Springs without a tax increase. In addition, we have been able to plan for areas that will improve the quality of life for recreational, renovation of town owned properties, social/economic development and help foster a deeper pride in residing in this community.

As you can tell, there are many new and exciting things happening in Red Springs that will cause revitalization of community spirit while encouraging future economic development. Many of these events are made possible as a result of the leadership of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners. It is being made possible because of the ability to work together in an unselfish manner.

Again, I would be remiss if acknowledgements were not paid to our Staff that go over and beyond in the call of duty as they provide services to the Town of Red Springs.

Kindest Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "U. James Bennett", written over a faint, illegible typed name.

U. James Bennett