

The Smithfield Town Council held its continued meeting on Tuesday, June 24th, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Mr. T. Carter Williams, Mayor; Mr. Michael Smith, Vice Mayor; Mr. Randy Pack, Mrs. Denise Tynes, Ms. Beth Haywood, Mrs. Valerie Butler, and Mr. Wayne Hall. Staff members present were Mr. Brian Thrower, Town Manager; Mrs. Lesley King, Town Clerk; Mr. Alonzo Howell, Smithfield Police Chief, Mr. John Settle, Community Development & Planning Director; Mrs. Ashley Rogers, Human Resource Director; Mrs. Amy Novak, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. William H. Riddick, III, Town Attorney; and Ms. Judy Winslow, Director of Tourism. There were no citizens present. The media was represented by Mr. Frederic Lee of the Smithfield Times.

Mayor Williams – Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Smithfield Town Council continued meeting of June 24th, 2019. It is now 5:00 p.m. We will start our meeting with the Action Section with our Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Randy Pack.

Councilman Pack – Tonight, we have a Resolution to Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. We have been up and down and all over this budget. A couple of highlights are that we are looking at an increase in the real property tax rate from sixteen cents to nineteen cents. We have also looked at an increase in the cigarette tax rate from thirty-five cents to fifty cents. Those are our big numbers in here and our most contentious items. There are lots of different pieces to this budget that was presented to us. At this time, I would like to make a motion that we approve the budget as presented.

Vice Mayor Smith – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

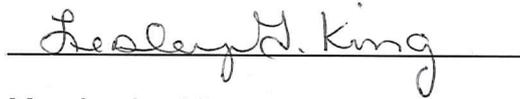
On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilman Pack voted aye, Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, Councilman Hall voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – The motion passes unanimously. The next item is New Business. Does anyone have any new business? Hearing none, we will move to Old Business. Does any Council member have any old business? Hearing none, we are adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned 5:01 p.m.



Mr. T. Carter Williams
Mayor



Mrs. Lesley King
Town Clerk