

Mayor – Robert M. Beall
Post 1 – Jason Wisniewski
Post 2 – Steve Holzman
Post 3 – David Lawrence
Post 4 – Stephen Arnold
Post 5 – Violet Dawe

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The regular May, 2012 council meeting was cancelled,
due to lack of a quorum, and it was replaced by a work session.

MAY 21, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Due to lack of a quorum, the regular council meeting was cancelled and replaced with a work session. Mayor Beall declared a lack of a quorum for the meeting and opened the work session. Discussion included:

Item 1. Council Member Dawe stated that the National Garden Week will be the first week on June. She asked if council wanted to consider a resolution of Garden Week in honor of Mrs. Judith Gilvey, a citizen who was recently injured in her home.

Item 2. Mayor Beall stated that next year, council might look at rescheduling the May meeting, as it might be too close to Memorial Day.

Item 3. Oconee County Commissioner Chuck Horton talked to council regarding the towns, how he would like to help, his history, etc. and asked for votes in the upcoming election. He is campaigning for Oconee County Commission Chairman.

Item 4. Sheriff candidate Trey Downs spoke to council about the Sheriff's budget, his history, ways he could help the town, and asked for votes in the upcoming election. He also stated that a forum is planned for June 14 at N. Oconee High School.

After a few comments about the proposed budget, Mayor Beall closed the work session and adjourned the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 21, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

Present: Mayor Beall and Council Members David Lawrence and Violet Dawe

Visitors: Heike Mueller Horst Klein John MacKay
 Fred Johnson Chuck Horton Trey Downs

Mayor Beall called the public hearing to order and he read the newspaper announcement about the public hearing, as well as the announcement that council would vote on adopting the budget at the June 18 council meeting. He stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the proposed 2012-13 budget, and he invited comments from council and citizens.

Mayor Beall discussed the proposed budget line by line, explaining each projected expense or revenue. Some upcoming expenses could include: sign replacement, ditches, the Elder Road city limit sign, street improvements, fire department contribution, office equipment, attorney funds for zoning updates, inspections, audit, engineering needs, roof repairs, town hall driveway, park path repairs, additional playground equipment, rumble strips, weather warning system, and other projects. He then discussed expected revenue items, including property tax, insurance fee income, etc.

In addition, Council discussed the SPLOST account and whether some of those funds could be used for ditches, etc. Mayor Beall will try to research the parameters of the SPLOST referendum.

Mr. Fred Johnson proposed that some funds be reassigned to Parks and Recreation, and/or the amount of funds budgeted last year for the park mortgage (which is now paid off) added back to this line item.

Council Member Dawe stated that there should be a 5-to-10 year plan in place before doing any major improvements to the park, as that will probably be the location of the new Town Hall. She suggested a committee to work on this future design plan.

Mayor Beall stated that no council action will be taken on the budget until the June 18 council meeting, and that people could contact him by phone. He also stated that work sessions could be scheduled to further develop the budget.

Mayor Beall then closed the public hearing section of the meeting.