

**Town Council Minutes
Morehead City, North Carolina****Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.
FY2009/2010 Budget Public Hearing**

The Honorable Council of the Town of Morehead City met in a Special Session/FY2009/2010 Proposed Budget Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., in the Municipal Chambers at 202 South 8th Street, Morehead City, North Carolina. Those in attendance were:

MAYOR: Gerald A. Jones, Jr.

COUNCILMEN: George W. Ballou

Paul W. Cordova

David Horton

John F. Nelson

Demus L. Thompson

CITY MANAGER: R. Randy Martin

CITY CLERK: Jeanne M. Giblin

OTHERS: Mike Shutak, Reporter, THE CARTERET NEWS TIMES;

Finance Director Ellen Sewell; Webb Memorial Library Director Sandra Bell; Sandra Compton; Kenneth R. Compton; Philip Lindsay, Bill Hettler

I. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the Special Session/FY2009/2010 Proposed Budget Public Hearing to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Public Hearing:

Mayor Jones announced that, based upon the Council approved schedule, the proposed FY 2009/2010 budget will be considered for adoption by the Council at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. He then opened the public hearing for the FY2009/2010 Proposed Budget and acknowledged copies had been made available to the public as required by law.

Mr. Philip Lindsay of 1207 Shepard Street, Morehead City, stated he came in support of the Webb Memorial Library. He commented that it is a great facility for all citizens. He thanked the Council for its continued support.

Manager Jones commented that the entire Council wholeheartedly supports the Webb Memorial Library and has tentatively agreed to adequate funding which will maintain the same level of services and operations as the current year. The Mayor announced that the Carteret County Commissioners the prior evening had agreed to fund approximately 96.5 percent of the total budget share for the Webb Memorial Library of \$55,000. This is \$1,925 less than the Manager's recommended budget and the current year allocation but will not hinder any of the services which the Library provides. He thanked the Carteret County Commissioners for the support they have provided the Webb Memorial Library in the past and for continuing their share of the funding in 2009/2010. He further commented that the Webb Memorial Library is a treasure to Morehead City.

Mr. Ken Compton of 195 Yacht Club Drive in Newport, North Carolina, stated that he supported the Webb Memorial Library. He appreciated the support of the Town Council and all the improvements to the building that had been completed.

Mr. Bill Hettler of 5118 Midyette Avenue, Morehead City, commented that he supported all that was previously stated by his fellow residents. He stated that the book collection and staff at the library are excellent and was glad to learn that the library will be funded by the county and City.

Manager Martin reported that he received an e-mail from a library patron expressing concern that Morehead City was making cuts to the library funding. Manager Martin wanted it understood that Morehead City supports the Webb Memorial Library and it would be funded 100 percent of the City's share by the City. The difference between what Carteret County will fund this year is \$1,925 less and the City will fund this difference from its Building Fund. He noted that neither the City staff nor Council had considered cutting the Webb Memorial Library budget.

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Councilman Thompson stated that the Webb Memorial Library is one of the projects for which he is most proud and he will fight to keep it operating for the citizens of Morehead City.

Mayor Jones closed the public hearing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Town of Morehead City

Gerald A. Jones, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Jeanne M. Giblin, City Clerk