

Public Hearing 5:15 p.m.
Special Town Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Annex
June 30, 2026



COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Billy Hollingsworth
Tomekia Means
Dwight Lane
Michael Thomas
Anthony "Tony" Hill
Charles Worthy

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Maria Dickerson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer, Claude Worthy, June Tankersley, Sabrina Ricks

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hollingsworth gave the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilwoman Means gave the invocation to council.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Hollingsworth said the Town Budget is down to \$826,155.00 after taking the increase in garbage back off. Public Works current budget is \$1,095,105 and will increase to \$1,134,901.00. Minimum of 2000 gals from \$29.50 to \$31.00 for water and sewer inside which is \$36.00 more per year than we are paying now. Outside rates will go from \$42.50 to \$45.00 for water and sewer.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Ms. Sabrina Ricks told council she has lived here for 17 years and has tried to make her street around her look better. She asked what she could do to help get a grocery store back here. She said if our bills are going up then we should be getting the same services, not less. Council members discussed with her why we couldn't get a grocery store to come here and that we as a council have tried to get one and can't. She talked with council more about helping out where she can and even edging her sidewalks to help out. She would like to see her street cleaned back up.

Ms. June Tankersley told council some of these older people can't afford to have their furniture and things taken off since the town doesn't get them anymore.

Mayor Hollingsworth told them we do still have our truck and drivers. He said he would talk with council and see if maybe we can pick up household once or twice per month to try to help out some. He said he can't make any promises.

Mayor Hollingsworth said right now we are asking 961 customers to support a \$1,134,000.00 budget. We lost \$30,000.00 per month plus when Renfro closed. He said right now we have very little money in reserve and we need to find a way to get back to that.

Sabrina asked about the cancer warnings that are sent out each year. Charles told her it was national and not just our area. We just have to send these notices out although our water is safe and will not harm you. We meet all our water quality standards.

Councilman Hill told Sabrina he thinks the NCCOA will take people to get groceries and other places they need to go.

Sabrina told council she is praying for all of them and she appreciates all they do.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion to close the Public Hearing made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Hill. All in favor.

SPECIAL MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE:

Mayor Hollingsworth gave the call to order and pledge of allegiance.
Same people present here as was the Public Hearing.

2ND READING TOWN BUDGET FOR 2026/2027:

Mayor Hollingsworth said the Town Budget is balanced at \$826,156.00 for the 2026/2027 year. This is the second and final reading. Motion to accept for a second and final reading made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Hill. All in favor.

2ND READING CPW BUDGET FOR 2026/2027:

CPW will have a 5% increase in rates for this budget year. Mayor Hollingsworth told council the CPW Budget for 2026/2027 is balanced at \$1,134,901.00. This includes water and sewer increases to the base amount and increase in the per thousand gallons rate. Motion to adopt the 2026/2027 balanced budget of \$1,134,901.00 made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilwoman Means. All in favor.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:

Mayor Hollingsworth read over a resolution to accept changing from First Citizens Bank to Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union. Motion to accept changing banks made by Councilman Hill and seconded by Councilman Thomas. All in favor.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Means and seconded by Councilman Thomas. All in favor.

APPROVED:

Mayor Billy Hollingsworth

ATTEST:

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer

