

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

TOWN OF CHASE CITY, VA

Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 11:00 AM

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MINUTES

Call to Order

The Budget Workshop was called to order by Mayor Alden Fahringer at 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Vice-Mayor James Bohannon
Council Member Marshall Whitaker
Council Member Brenda Hatcher
Council Member Pauline Keeton
Council Member Michelle Wilson
Council Member Latrisha McCargo

Urgent Meeting Items

Items requested by each committee for the upcoming budget will be presented to Council.

Assistant Town Manager/Treasurer Virginia Walker went over items on the proposed budget. Revenue items included increased tax revenue based on collection rate, a flat fee for Food Trucks of \$50.00, increased Cigarette Stamp Tax based on current collections, and increased Street Revenue. Rising cost for insurance at 19.1% as well as salary increases of 4% COLA and up to 2% merit increase were discussed among Council. Police requested computer maintenance fees, ammo, and video camera renewals be included in the new budget. The fire department stipend would increase 5%. Street supplies increased \$9k. Two mowers, street sweeper, a/c recovery unit, tracks for skid steer, and a fence for the backside of basketball court were included. Decreased garbage expense accounts based on current year. Removed all expenses related to the Lee Building. Walker mentioned the B Street Project budget would be \$325k per Southside Planning project specifications. Water revenue was discussed. Based on current year, rates would need to increase to cover rising cost. Walker stated that the Town was currently working in the deficit for the Water Fund. A \$5 increase to the minimum was discussed. The Town would still be cheaper than neighboring counter parts. The water and sewer department requested an additional employee. Water repairs and maintenance increased to cover 3 hydrants and 2 valves. Sewer department needs a ring saw, sewer tracker, and a utility vehicle which cost \$19.3k. Little to no changes were made to the remaining funds.

Council Member Whitaker opened a discussion on increasing Council salaries. It had been a long time since they had received an increase. Town Manager Forbes stated that he would look into it.

There was discussion on putting the old town office into surplus so that it can be sold. Forbes stated that it would have to be put up for a vote to move forward with the process.

Motion made by Council Member Wilson, Seconded by Council Member Keeton.
Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohannon, Council Member Whitaker, Council Member Hatcher,
Council Member Keeton, Council Member Wilson, Council Member McCargo

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the budget workshop was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Alden Fahringer, Mayor

**Virginia G. Walker, Assistant
Town Manager/Treasurer**