

4. **Public Forum** – No comments.

5. **Public Hearing – 2023-2024 Budget**

- A. Mayor Horn opened the public hearing regarding the proposed 2023-2024 Budget at 7:10 PM.
- B. Manager Ayers shared that the proposed 2023-2024 Budget has no tax increase and no service reductions.
- C. Mayor Horn noted the Council has met several times and been very engaged with the proposed budget. He noted that he is pleased with the staff's recommendation.
- D. Harlan Cobert, 960 Wellesley Place Dr – Mr. Cobert spoke in favor of the Public Safety Advisory Committee's funding request to be included in the proposed budget. *(A copy of Mr. Cobert's comments are herein incorporated into the minutes.)*
- E. Christopher Cobert, 960 Wellesley Place Dr – Mr. Cobert also spoke in favor of the Public Safety Advisory Committee's requested funding of radios to be included in the proposed budget. He stated communication is key for public safety and public safety costs money but it is cheap insurance. Mr. Cobert requested Council to look again at the proposal.
- F. Harlan Cobert introduced members in attendance of the Public Safety Advisory Committee.
- G. The public hearing was closed at 7:28 PM.

6. **New Business**

- A. Ordinance 2023-016 – Order to collect 2023 taxes – Council Member Franklin moved to approve Ordinance 2023-016. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and approved unanimously. *(Ordinance 2023-016 is herein incorporated by reference into the minutes.)*
- B. Ordinance 2023-017 – Order to collect 2022 and prior years' taxes – Council Member Franklin moved to approve Ordinance 2023-017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hunt and approved unanimously. *(Ordinance 2023-017 is herein incorporated by reference into the minutes.)*
- C. Resolution 2023-022 – Opposing Senate Bill 317 and House Bill 562 (workforce housing crisis) – Mayor Horn shared a proposed resolution opposing Senate Bill 317 and House Bill 562. He stated the bills say they are addressing workforce housing, of which he has no opposition; however, as they are currently constructed, there is concern related to the impact on the Town's planning and zoning powers. Both bills are off the schedule for consideration but Mayor Horn believes the Town should still communicate their concerns. Council Member Welch moved to approve Resolution 2023-022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hunt and approved unanimously. *(Resolution 2023-022 is herein incorporated by reference into the minutes.)*
- D. Ordinance 2023-018 – Amending Budget Ordinance 2022-001 – Jack Warren Park gate replacement - \$16,904 – Mr. Hanna reported the gate at Jack Warren Park was damaged during the Mary Alice Warren Community Center (MAWCC) construction. Staff is requesting approval to repair and relocate the gate. The gate would be relocated further into the park just past the parking spaces to allow overflow parking for MAWCC and allow the park to be closed at night. Council Member Sadler moved to approve Ordinance 2023-018. The motion was seconded by Council Member Franklin and passed unanimously. *(Ordinance 2023-018 is herein incorporated by reference into the minutes.)*
- E. Resolution 2023-023 – Awarding contract to Fence Builders, Inc. to relocate Jack Warren Park entrance gate - \$14,630 – Council Member Franklin moved to approve Resolution 2023-023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sadler and passed unanimously. *(Resolution 2023-023 is herein incorporated by reference into the minutes.)*
- F. Resolution 2023-024 – Interlocal agreement with Forsyth County for Voluntary Agricultural District program – Mrs. Tolbert shared information related to the Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) program with Forsyth County. The Forsyth County Agricultural Board would review

applications for participation in the VAD program and the Town would have an opportunity to submit comments on requests located within the Town of Lewisville. The VAD program fits perfectly with the Town's vision to preserve its rural character. Council Member Franklin moved to approve Resolution 2023-024. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and passed unanimously. The interlocal agreement will be forwarded to Forsyth County for their consideration. *(Resolution 2023-024 is herein incorporated by reference into the minutes.)*

- G. Ordinance 2023-019 – Amending Town Code Chapter 22 – Voluntary Agricultural District – Council Member Welch moved to approve Ordinance 2023-019 establishing the Voluntary Agricultural District program. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and passed unanimously. *(Ordinance 2023-019 is herein incorporated by reference into the minutes.)*
- H. Resolution 2023-025 – Opposing Senate Bill 374 and House Bill 409 (accessory dwelling units) – Mayor Horn shared a proposed resolution opposing Senate Bill 374 and House Bill 409 related to accessory dwelling units. He stated the bills undermine the Town's ability to regulate density. This resolution of opposition is supported by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Mayor Horn noted that Senator Paul Lowe has offered to meet with Lewisville, Clemmons, Winston-Salem and Kernersville regarding this issue. Council Member Sadler moved to approve Resolution 2023-025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hunt and approved unanimously. *(Resolution 2023-025 is herein incorporated by reference into the minutes.)*

7. Administrative Reports

- A. Upcoming events and closings
 - i. May 19 – Movie Night – Top Gun Maverick
 - ii. May 29 – Town offices closed
 - iii. May 29 – Military Appreciation Concert – The Embers – 6-8 PM
- B. Clerk's Report
 - i. Boards & Committees Ice Cream Social – May 19, 4:30-6:30 PM, MAWCC
 - ii. Community Appearance Commission – County Commissioners Award for Mary Alice Warren Community Center
 - a. May 31 – 4 PM – Old Salem Museums & Gardens Gray Auditorium
 - b. Let Dora know by May 19 if plan to attend.

8. For the Good of the Order

- A. Public comments
 - i. Susan Frey, 165 Will Austin Ct – Mrs. Frey expressed thanks for Council approving the resolutions of opposition to the proposed bills. She inquired if they could be posted on the Town's website with a clickable link to view the bills.
- B. Council comments
 - i. Mayor Horn recognized Council Member Sadler for receiving an Honorary Doctor in Humane Letters from Lincoln University for his contributions to the community through dentistry and community organizations he has served.
 - ii. Council Member Franklin encouraged residents to give blood at MAWCC on May 17.
 - iii. Council Member Hunt inquired if another budget session would be held. Manager Ayers stated a work session could be added to the end of the June agenda briefing.
 - iv. Mayor Pro Tem Foster thanked members of the Public Safety Advisory Committee for attending. She noted that board and committee requests have been discussed in the Board & Committee workgroup meetings.
 - v. Mayor Pro Tem Foster noted May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

9. **Adjournment** – Council Member Welch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hunt and approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mike Horn, Mayor

Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk