

**TOWN OF TRYON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 25, 2017**

**TRYON TOWN HALL MCCOWN ROOM**

**5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples

Mayor Pro Tem Crys Armbrust

Commissioners: Roy Miller, Bill Ingham

Absent: Bill Crowell

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis

Town Clerk Susan Bell

Comm. Dev. Dir. Paula Kempton

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order and turned it over to Town Manager Ollis. He presented an amended proposed budget message that includes the town's revenue neutral information and an amended proposed budget. The town is not taking the revenue neutral stance which would require a tax increase. By not taking the revenue neutral stance it's essentially a three cent tax decrease. The board has been adamant about not raising taxes. Tryon over the last eight years has seen a nine percent growth increase. The town's evaluations have went down about \$10 million, which is about five percent. If we were to go with the revenue neutral our taxes would be .5340 instead of our current rate of .5028. This is just an amendment to add the revenue neutral language to the budget message.

Mr. Ingham stated that he appreciates how he has laid it out for us.

Mr. Ollis stated that we are going to get less money, but with all the cuts we should be okay. The sales tax projections were projected low this year. He feels that the town is going to do very well with sales tax. Revenue neutral requires us to include motor vehicles. The evaluations stay the same. The difference is in the property value.

Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust made a motion to accept the tax amendment and changes as presented by the town manager, with the additions to the budget that was passed on May 16, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

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J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk