

the Town is not prepared. We need the cost and the location for a new building. Another concern is, the building sells, the economy drops and nothing is built or done. Need to keep the parking lot.

Ollis stated one more project that he has is the signs. They were cleaned for WEG. The sign has bubbled. He would like to put in a concrete block foundation with a drop sign in place, cover the façade with stone work, put a flower bed in front and add a place off to the side to put the current signs up. He doesn't know how much it will cost, but feels with the improvements to Erskine Bridge we need to make improvements to our sign.

Ollis stated with this budget, the only expense that has went up is the retirement requires us to bump up from 7.5 to 8.9. After increasing revenue to where we have it situated now and before factoring in projects, raises and everything else that we have discussed over the past couple of months, General Fund is ahead by \$84,000. When the project costs come in that number will drop. Tourism is ahead by \$550. Powell Bill is even. Fire is even. Harmon Field is \$2,100 ahead. Water & Sewer is \$9,100 ahead. Sanitation is behind and that is to be expected. He is going to adjust rates by twenty-five cents. Peoples asked him to research rates, because he feels that we are below everyone else.

Armbrust asked for him to point him in this report to the line item for the South Trade Street boardwalk. Ollis stated this report is the budget for the current year and that is not included. When we finalize the budget and the decision is made to put the boardwalk in the budget it will go under a line item of the governing board as of July 1. Last year under line item 499 Other, it lists \$20,000 for a capital improvement plan, so when this board decides on a number, it will get put in here. Armbrust stated didn't we already decide. Ingham stated no, he didn't remember that. Crowell stated no. The last discussion was we would love to do something, but we are waiting on the landlords to start cleaning up behind the buildings before we invest any real money back there. This is his opinion. Armbrust stated he requested \$10,000. Peoples stated you requested it, but nobody else bought into it at that point. Your request is on the table. Ingham asked if \$10,000 would cover it. Armbrust stated it could, depending on how much work. Crowell asked what he was thinking. Armbrust stated gravel was okay with him as long as buildings can be accessed by citizens. It would put businesses in those spaces. Ollis stated when it gets decided it will look like this on line 129, \$10,000 and in note column Boardwalk and on July 1 this sheet will reflect what you have approved. Crowell stated he is for putting money in that category, but the owners need to clean up first. Armbrust stated that is on North Trade Street. Ollis stated what Crys is talking about is behind Missildine's toward the theater.

Ingham stated on the sidewalk coming up beside where 10 N. Trade Street Café used to be, there needs to be a rail there. Ollis stated he is working with Bill on this. Ingham stated just something simple attached to the wall. Ollis stated he has mentioned this to Staggs and Byron Butler and they seem to be for it.

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

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest: _____

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk