

Morrisville budget adopted, money set aside for sewer

By **BIFF ELLER**

The Morrisville town board Monday night adopted a hold-the-line budget which included no tax increase but set aside money to help finance an expansion of water and sewer lines.

Following a hearing, commissioners unanimously adopted the \$4.4 million budget.

"This budget was a lot of work this year because of the water and sewer. Many departments didn't have increases, but I want the citizens of Morrisville to know that we have money," said Commissioner Bill Ufferman.

Morrisville officials are in the midst of negotiations and planning for a huge sewer and water project

with Wake County and Raleigh. The town is now setting aside funds to pay for those expanded facilities.

The budget includes \$1.4 million left in the general fund to pay principal and interest on the water and sewer connection to the city of Raleigh.

The budget goes into effect at the start of the new fiscal year July 1.

The budget was based on a tax valuation for the town of Morrisville of \$342 million, up from \$329 million last year, said Bill Cobey, town manager.

The tax rate is 52 cents per \$100 valuation of property, plus eight cents per \$100 valuation for the Morrisville fire district tax.

Included in the budget is a five percent salary increase for all town

employees who have been with the town since January. Only one new employee, a police officer, will be added to the staff.

The police department budget is \$641,495 up nearly \$70,000 from the current year.

Cobey said the increase is due to the hiring of the new officer, whose salary will be 75 percent federally funded, increases in equipment and vehicle maintenance and the 5 percent salary increase.

The cost of getting a business privilege license in Morrisville will go up, from \$20 to \$50.

Cobey has budgeted revenue of \$18,282 due to the business license increase, up from \$5,560 collected this fiscal year.

There is no change in the water and sewer rate, already among the highest charged in Wake County. Those rates will stay at \$2.49 per thousand gallons for water, and \$7.24 per thousand for sewer. There also is a monthly administrative charge of \$3.07 per bill.

The total dollars in the new budget actually are declining by 13

percent, Cobey said, because the town will not make a large payment to Raleigh for water capacity, and because there will be a smaller transfer of money to the water and sewer fund.

Other highlights of the budget include the increase of salaries for the commissioners and mayor.

Commissioners salaries were increased \$1,000 a year to \$4,500 and the Mayor's salary upped \$1,000 to \$5,500.

The board voted Monday night, after approving the budget, to up the pay of Mayor Pro Tem Billy Sauls to \$5,500 since he's performing the duties of mayor.

Commissioner Ufferman made the motion, Sauls abstained, and it passed unanimously. Sauls assumed the lead of the board when former mayor Ernest Lumley stepped down earlier this month to move to Middlesex.

The fire department will get \$33,000 for equipment needed for a truck the town plans to purchase, and week-end incentive pay of \$16,875 for volunteer firefighters has been included in the new budget.

There is a reduction of \$10,000 in the amount the town will give to the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will get \$25,000 in budget year 95-96.

Ufferman expressed concern for continuing the effort to extend sewer service to all parts of Morrisville, in addition to those areas being newly developed. "It is very important that we get the grants, or whatever to get sewer to the rest of Morrisville," said Ufferman.

Town Board Briefs

NEW FLOORING APPROVED

Work should begin soon to install new tile flooring in the Luther Green Center, on Church Street, to bring the facility into compliance with federal Meals on Wheels requirements.

The town board last Monday night voted to spend \$1,530 for the new tile flooring, and to have town work crews install a handicapped ramp and bathroom at the center.

The Luther Green Center is the headquarters for the town-sponsored Meals on Wheels program to feed the indigent. The town pays for food preparation and delivery, and had been losing \$7,700 annually in federal rebates because the building doesn't meet federal requirements, said Bill Cobey, town manager.

The authorization to spend the money passed by a 5-0 vote.

BOARD SETS PUBLIC HEARING ON RESIDENT'S REZONING REQUEST

The town board set June 12 as the date for a public hearing on the Robert Bowman's request to the town to annex his home on Aviation Parkway into the town limits.

Leisa Powell, town planner, said Bowman had asked for the annexation in light of the triple water rate he pays as a non-resident.

CIVIL PENALTIES SUSPENDED

Wallace Baker, code enforcement officer reported that three property owners cited for non-compliance with the town's appearance laws have been given additional time to clean-up their property.

William Harrington of 802 Church St. the Hansley heirs of N.C.54, and Johnnie McCrimmon of 11120 Chapel Hill Rd, have been given additional time with civil penalties waived during the period to meet town appearance laws.

A fourth property owner, Gerald Perry of Aviation Parkway has had his case sent to the town attorney for collection of non-compliance penalties totaling \$2,020.

HOPELINE ASKS FOR FUNDS

Ann Roberson-Royster a volunteer for Hopeline asked the town board for \$1,000 for the 24 hour crisis line's operating budget.

Hopeline operates three different

types of crisis line, including one just for teens to talk to teens, and has an operating budget annually of \$157,000, she said.

SAULS EXPRESSES 'AWKWARDNESS'

Former mayor Ernest Lumley, present as a spectator at the board meeting Monday thanked the board for the plaque and ceremony at Saturday's Day At The Park festival. Mayor Pro Tem Billy Sauls, leading his first meeting in Lumley's absence paid his own special tribute to Lumley.

"I don't feel awkward sitting here, but I do feel awkward with you sitting out there," said Sauls.

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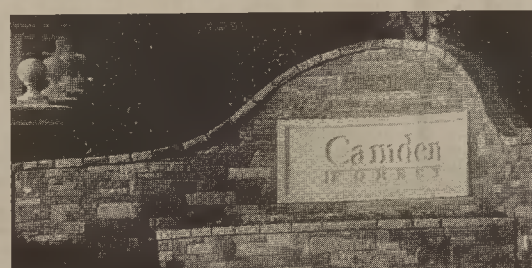
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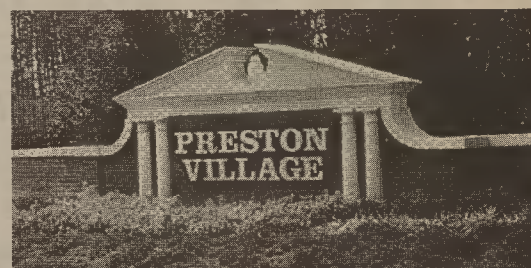
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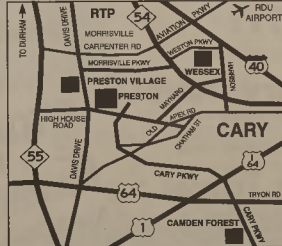
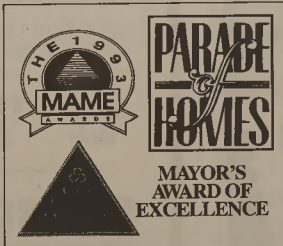
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