

RECESSED MEETING OF MAY 23, 2006

Continued
May 24, 2006
9:00 a.m.

The City Council of the City of Salisbury met at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2006 in Council Chambers at City Hall pursuant to the recess of the regular meeting May 16, 2006 and the recessed meeting of May 23, 2006, with the following members being present and absent:

PRESENT: Mayor Susan W. Kluttz, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem, Paul B. Woodson, Jr.; Councilmen William
(Bill) Burgin; William (Pete) Kennedy; Mark N. Lewis; City Manager, David W. Treme; and City
Clerk Myra B. Heard.

ABSENT: City Attorney, F. Rivers Lawther

Mayor Kluttz called the meeting to order. City Manager David Treme provided the invocation.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Manager David Treme reviewed issues discussed by Council during its budget worksession on May 23, 2006. He noted that Council requested additional information regarding the General Fund and Ms. Teresa Harris, Budget and Performance Management Manager, reviewed an analysis of changes from the FY2006 adopted budget and the FY2007 recommended budget.

Councilman Lewis commented on the customer service software and noted that while he sees a significant application for its use in water/sewer he is not sure Salisbury should be the first to use it Citywide. Mr. Sofley explained the process that lead to the development of a Request for Proposal for the software and noted that the Customer Service Committee has software to recommend to Council for use, adding that the package has been on the market for several years. Councilmen Burgin and Kennedy also expressed concern over the software and its cost.

Council held a general discussion of the General Fund and the major expenses presented for consideration. Special Projects were also reviewed.

Mayor Kluttz indicated she needed to be excused to present awards at Salisbury High School.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to excuse Mayor Kluttz. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, and Woodson voted AYE. (4-0). Mayor Kluttz was excused at 10:58 a.m.

After discussing the various items presented to Council, Councilman Lewis suggested Mr. Treme develop a budget with a one (1) cent tax increase and bring the proposal back to Council. Councilman Burgin commented that one and one half (1.5) cents keeps Council's commitment to the new Fire Station. Mr. Treme stated that he will develop a budget based on a one (1) cent tax increase and a one and one half (1.5) cent tax increase to bring back to Council.

Council agreed to continue the discussion with Mr. Treme's new proposals at its June 6, 2006 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A **Motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Burgin, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. All council members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Mayor

City Clerk