



City of Conover Budget for 2019-2020

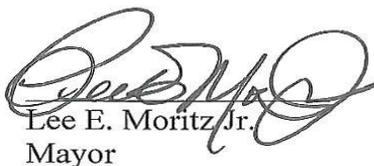
City Council continues to focus on improving the quality of life in Conover with the expansion of the City Park and the rebuilding of Fire Station #2 to house County EMS services and improve response times. Our efforts to revitalize downtown have resulted in the opening of 10 new businesses with more in the works. Just as you maintain your home, Council works to maintain the City through repairs and replacement of equipment. For most residents' repairs or improvements are saved for and paid as needed rather than borrowing money. It is the same for your Conover government.

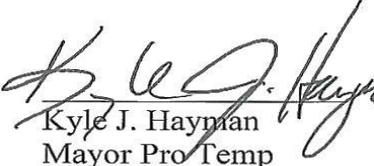
Historically the City of Conover reserves cash funds, in some cases, for many years to purchase essential equipment like fire trucks, police cars, tractors, snow plows, and sanitation trucks; all without borrowing and paying unnecessary interest. Capital purchases this year include the replacement of 30 year old Fire Engine #4, and five new patrol cars. The street department will replace the 72" culvert on 3rd St NE and replace a salt slag spreader for snow and ice removal.

The City of Conover purchases our water from the City of Hickory, who is increasing their rate by 3.75%. Rather than pass this entire increase along the proposed budget will increase the rate on water by only 2.75% for water and 2.0% for sewer. The average customer uses 5,000 gallons per month equating to an additional \$1.35 per month. The list of capital improvements for utilities include; repairs and upgrade to the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Plant aeration system, Fairgrove Water Meter Vault upgrade, and a sewer outfall line replacement behind along Lyle Creek near Section House Road. Capital equipment purchases include a boring machine, dump truck replacement, mud well pump, new sewer camera system, and replacement of a utility van.

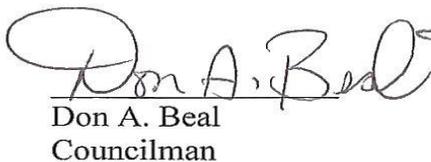
City Council has made street maintenance and paving one of its highest priorities. In order to pave and maintain city streets to an acceptable standard we will maintain municipal motor vehicle tax for the specific purposes of street maintenance and public transportation. The property tax rate of 50¢ will remain with no increase. Council and staff feel it is a disservice to our citizens to borrow money for equipment or streets that could reach end of service life by the time the debt is repaid. Many cities take this approach and find themselves in financial trouble several years later. We will continue a "pay as you go" philosophy to maximize taxpayer resources and not waste it on interest and finance charges.

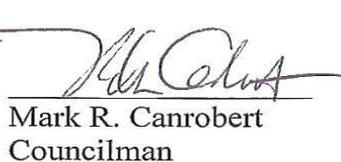
Copies of the budget are available online at www.conovernc.gov/budget. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Manager at 828-464-1191.

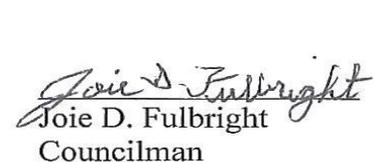

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