

## Council Notes

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- At its May 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda and budget review meeting, the council asked the town manager to obtain drawings from a design professional as the council continues to consider replacement siding for the Town Hall. The Council also authorized contracts for AARA-funded insulation and replacement windows at the MACC and reviewed the proposed budget.
- Upon first review, there is a \$208,000 shortfall in the FY 2011-12 budget. Fuel costs, a 9.8% increase in employee health insurance costs, and increases in the 911 emergency consolidation system are challenges the town manager, the finance director and the council are struggling to account for even though most town departments came in under budget in FY 2010-11. The expiration of the tax agreement between Chattanooga and Hamilton County may also add to the town's costs.
- The council discussed various options short of cutting essential services or increasing taxes to make up for the shortfall such as reducing gym hours and charging non-resident user fees, establishing a town-wide garbage fee, and providing back-door garbage service for the disabled only instead of everyone over seventy years of age. Meanwhile, the staff and council continue to review the budget to cut non-essential expenditures.
- Paving this year will be on portions of Signal Road, High Crest, Crown Point West, and the Grayson Road cul-de-sac. The work should be completed by the end of June.
- Playground camp is scheduled for the first 3 full weeks in June. The cost per week is \$60 for residents and \$75 for non-residents. If fewer than 35 children enroll, camp for that week will be cancelled. For more information contact the Town Hall.