

Town of Vienna, Virginia



JUNE 1961

TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA
REVENUES - - GENERAL FUND BUDGET
JULY 1, 1961 to JUNE 30, 1962

TAX ASSESSMENTS:

Real Estate	\$226,000
Personal Property	46,500
Business Licenses	45,000
Auto Tags	45,000
Miscellaneous Business Taxes	23,000
	<u>\$385,500</u>

OTHER REVENUES:

State A.B.C. Board	\$ 28,000
State Highway Department	16,500
Fines and Costs	16,000
Building Permits	10,500
Miscellaneous	5,500
	<u>5,500</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$462,000</u>

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO EVERY CITIZEN OF VIENNA FROM YOUR MAYOR:

I hope that every adult citizen of Vienna will spend the few minutes necessary to become familiar with the information in this letter. It is most important that you do.

A municipality exists for one purpose and one purpose only - - to provide services for its citizens. On June 21, 1961, after many nights of discussion and deliberation, your Town Council adopted a General Fund budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1961. A summary of this budget and an explanation of the services provided to you by the Town of Vienna are shown on the next three pages. This budget provides for an actual reduction in the effective rate of both real estate and personal property taxes paid to the Town - - the first reduction in many years.

Every taxpayer is entitled to know - - and should know - - what is being received in return for taxes paid. Therefore, I strongly urge you to study the information inside.

Approximately 1/4 of the real estate and personal property taxes that you pay goes to the Town of Vienna and 3/4 goes to Fairfax County. Fairfax County operates the public schools and Vienna provides all other municipal services that you receive, with relatively minor exceptions.

An urbanized area like Vienna both needs and demands high quality services of many types. Such services cost money and must be paid for by the citizens - - regardless of who furnishes them. However, the types and quality of such services that are available are extremely important. Like you, your Town Council and I demand a variety of high quality municipal services at as low a cost as is possible. Although I made a firm decision one year ago that I would not be a candidate to succeed myself in the June 1962 Town election, as long as I am your Mayor I will do my utmost to see that your services steadily improve.

As a homeowner you pay an average of about 25¢ per day (6¢ per person) for the services received from the Town of Vienna. I suggest that you remember this when you are studying the information inside. I also suggest that you retain this letter for future reference.

Sincerely,

Guy M. Wilson
GUY M. WILSON
Mayor

TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA
EXPENDITURES - - GENERAL FUND BUDGET
JULY 1, 1961 TO JUNE 30, 1962

<u>TYPE OF SERVICE PROVIDED</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF SERVICE PROVIDED</u>
Police Protection	\$142,000	Vienna's citizens are served by a 13 man police force, in addition to the Chief and 3 civilian dispatchers. The Police Department operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from its headquarters in the Vienna Municipal Building. Each police cruiser patrols 1-1/2 sq. miles until midnight and 2-1/4 after. Experience shows that the Town's police cruisers can be dispatched within 5 minutes or less to any location in the town through the town-owned and operated radio base station. In addition to making routine patrols and answering emergency calls, the Vienna police make periodic checks of all business establishments during the night and patrol the commercial area on foot during peak business seasons.
Street Maintenance and Construction	115,000	Effective July 1, 1961, Vienna will assume maintenance of all streets within its borders. Sufficient funds have been included in the budget to insure proper maintenance of existing streets and for surfacing certain gravel streets. A substantial amount has also been included for snow removal. Vienna will have twice as much snow removal equipment next winter as it had last winter. \$10,000 has also been included in the budget to be placed in a reserve fund for use in paying part of Vienna's cost (25%) of the future widening of Nutley Street which will be an access road to Route 66.
Garbage Collection	54,000	Trash and garbage collections are made twice weekly in all areas of Vienna at no additional cost to the citizens. In addition, once a year the town sponsors a "Clean-up Week" when collections are made of items not routinely collected. Special collections are made upon request.
Parks and Recreation	42,500	Within the past 2 years Vienna has made great strides in developing and equipping the Glyndon Street Park (now Ohio Park) and the Meadow Lane Park (now South Carolina Park). Our plans for this year include developing the East Vienna Woods-Westbriar Park, a park in Vienna Hills, and one in the Cedar Lane School area. Vienna also makes contributions each year to Little League, Babe Ruth League, Pigtail-Ponytail League, and other similar organizations, besides contributing to other youth activities, such as the Halloween Parade and the July 4th celebration. Substantial contributions are made towards the Summer Playground programs held at the Vienna, Louise Archer, and Cedar Lane Schools. This budget also provides for a Part Time Director of Recreation for Vienna.
Maintenance of Public Areas and Buildings	17,000	The budget provides for the maintenance of public areas and buildings in Vienna, such as the Municipal Building which is used for Council meetings, Court sessions, Commission meetings, and other public gatherings.
Zoning	16,500	Safeguarding of existing development and control of future development are the main responsibilities of the Zoning & Planning Commission whose members serve without compensation. The Zoning Ordinance itself is enforced by a Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Ordinance is subject to revisions which are made only after advertised Public Hearings. The cost of public hearings and administration of the Code are included in this category of the budget.
Storm Drainage	14,500	Vienna has invested heavily in storm drainage for the protection of the citizens and their property. As a further safeguard, storm drains installed by developers are subject to inspection and approval.
Municipal Court	14,500	The Vienna Municipal Court tries alleged violations of Town Ordinances and certain State Statutes. Criminal and traffic cases are heard on Tuesdays and Civil Court cases are heard on Thursdays. The availability of our own court assures prompt assistance to citizens who may be in need of its services.
Street Lighting	12,000	The Town furnishes all street lights in Vienna (more than 500) for the convenience and protection of the public.
Fire Protection	8,000	The Town contributes to the operation of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Vienna also maintains the fire hydrants and provides the water used in fire fighting operations (these services result in substantially reduced fire insurance rates to the citizens).
General Government	26,000	The office of the Mayor and Council (\$5,100) and of legal Counsel are included in this category as are administrative costs of the Town Manager's Office, the Department of Public Works, and the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer. The services of these departments are available to all Vienna citizens who have business with the town or who have need of assistance in any area where the town can provide a service.
TOTAL	<u>\$462,000</u>	