



David A. Spencer, Mayor
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Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

05/09/2024

In attendance: Mayor Spencer, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Brelia, Commissioner Noon, Commissioner Robinson, Town Manager Kelledees, Public Works Supervisor Cunningham, Chief of Police Trams, Deputy Town Manager Fowler, Community Programs/Grant Coordinator Weaver, and Town Attorney Ryan.

Public: Katie Cunningham, Jeff Jackson, Jim Pratt, Donna Clay, Chris Mason, Kenny Burk, Terri Christopher, and Vielman Chile.

Mayor Spencer started the budget workshop meeting at 6:03 P.M. and stated that if anyone wanted a copy of the budget, they could get it at town hall. He asked Town Manager Kelledees to begin.

Mrs. Kelledees said the big question is are we still planning on the \$30 water/sewer increase? Mayor Spencer asked if we should go line by line, Mrs. Kelledees suggested we go by questions the council has.

- Q - Mayor Spencer regarding Ober Park
A - Mrs. Kelledees informed him that was from a previous year
- Q - Commissioner Harrison – why has MDIA reimbursements gone up due to Kinnamon Meadows coming
A - Mrs. Kelledees - projected Kinnamon Meadows last year and it did not happen, holding off to add until actual start up.
- Q – Commissioner Harrison - why did rental income decrease
A – Mrs. Kelledees – projected increase in rental income that did not happen

- Q - Commissioner Breliia asked about the car show and community outreach budget
A - Mrs. Kelledees – it is used as an “advance” that is covered by visitors, donations, and sponsors

Mayor Spencer mentioned salary and how it is divided up between water and sewer.

Commissioner Robinson asked why the Town Manager costs go under the water and sewer, she believes it should go under general. Mrs. Kelledees explained that some employees perform work in multiple areas. After further discussion, Mrs. Kelledees said she has reduced the percentages and would provide updates

Additional discussions:

- Donation to the GVFD – lower for FY25 due to no additional ARPA funds
- Advertising costs – RFPs, ordinances, public meetings
- Website – Mrs. Weaver indicated new website should be ready in June
- Boat ramp – it was unclear if town or county owns; PW Supervisor Cunningham indicated he has paperwork to show it belongs to the town
- Bank fees - Mrs. Kelledees - possible coding errors, will verify
- Grant expenses – town has and is applying for a lot of grants
- Travel & Training – primarily used for MML conferences
- Employee salaries – schedule for closed session per Attorney Ryan
- State Retirement increased from 7.4% to 8.44%

Police Department:

- Community Policing – *give aways* for kids
- Three officers proposed budget but will review again
- A lot of the new equipment that was purchased for the Police Department was covered by grant funding
- Mayor Spencer stated that the council wants the police cars marked and that it is not in the budget. Mayor Spencer asked about selling the two older police cars to cover the cost of marking the other cars.

- Commissioner Breliia brought up that trash hauling has gone up; Mrs. Kelledees explained that is due to new homes and the bulk pick-up cost
- Price for mosquito spraying increased

Enterprise Fund/ Sewer/ Water:

- Mayor Spencer explained to the public that they are only allowed to discuss certain things so that they follow the law
- PW Supervisor Cunningham is going to try to get two sewer reed beds done this year

Tax Rate

- Mayor Spencer to Town Attorney Ryan regarding the introduction of the tax rate ordinance on May 16
 - Tax rate is staying the same
 - Public hearing will be June 3rd
 - Town Attorney Ryan - budget must be advertised for at least two weeks
 - Any amendments will be made with the budget available for adoption on Thursday, June 6

Mayor Spencer asked if anyone had anything else to add. No one did. Mayor Spencer asked for a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Robinson made the motion and Commissioner Harrison seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully prepared by,

Jaime Fowler

