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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Budget Workshop #2
Monday, May 24, 2021
5:00 PM- Conference Room of Town Hall**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy (absent)
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr
Commissioner Steve Ashby
Commissioner Justin Simpson
Commissioner William Meadows (by phone)
Commissioner Jim Sells
Town Administrator Randy Holloway
Town Attorney John Scarbrough (absent)
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

1. Open the Workshop

Mayor Pro-tem Lori Furr opened the Budget Workshop.

2. Discuss items related to the FY21/22 Budget

Commissioners asked questions concerning several revenue items:

- Interest revenue is lower because banks are giving less interest due to Federal government interest rates at an all-time low.
- Rent revenue has increased due to two renters on the Town Hall property (Eudy Law Firm and April Lisk Photography).
- The Town does not expect any revenue from the ABC Store this year due to increased costs at the store. Hopefully, the town will receive revenue in the next 2-3 years.
- Lion's Hut and Senior Center are not paying rent to the Town. The Board discussed putting something in future contracts about subleasing property to individuals/groups. The Board would also like to revisit all contracts.

Expense items that were discussed:

- "Contract Services" line item is listed under several departments. The Board was mainly interested in the \$60,000 listed for 11-4031-321 which is for Tub Grinding of accumulated yard debris at Public Works.
- The Board would like to have a sign posted on Washington and Cook Streets for no large trucks and a 25MPH speed limit sign. Drivers are cutting through to avoid the stop light at the square.
- \$375,000 is estimated in the budget from Fund Balance to purchase adjacent property to the Town Hall complex to provide additional parking, walking trails, and other recreational opportunities. The four properties being considered may not all be available in the next 12 months so the Town may not spend that much money this year.
- Law Enforcement contract was discussed. The Board would like to see more of the Deputies in the Town limits in visible locations to reduce speeders through the square. They also would like them to write more speeding tickets especially

on large trucks speeding down North Main St. Thankfully, the Town does not have a high crime rate, mainly petty theft.


- The Pay for Call line item under the Fire Dept is to compensate volunteers and off duty firefighters when they respond to calls when not on shift.
- The FD/Public Education & Prevention increased from \$1,500 to \$8,000. The Board wanted an explanation which is staff training was added into this line item. A change in the name to FD Training/Public Education & Prevention was requested by the Board.
- The Board would like to reach out to Nick Newman to help with the Town's branding efforts prior to installing the sign at the end of Park Dr. They want something new and fresh; it does not have to be in blue and gold.
- The Town Hall campus will need approximately \$800,000 to add additional parking, a new concession/bathroom facility, walking trails, and small splash pad. The building will have a shell that a food vendor could lease.
- As soon as the Fire Dept decides on a remodel plan, the Town will start the project. The building will expand towards N. Main St. and eliminate the parking spots in front. The back of the property purchased beside the Fire Dept will be used for parking.
- The American Recovery Plan (ARP) will provide funds (estimated \$650,000 split in 2 payments) for water/sewer projects in the Town. The revenue is not in the budget yet. More info is coming on exact ways it can be spent.
- The Part-time Landscape position may change names and be more flexible to all areas of Public Works. This will be a 2 day a week position.
- Board would like happy signs like Disney for upcoming Water/Sewer Projects when they begin. "We are making it better for you" type sign.
- Grass is high on Hwy 49 around the Crepe Myrtles. Town will take over mowing the median next fall. At that time revenue from Brighton Park should start coming in to help with revenue.
- Gas for emergency situations: Marathon worked with the Town to keep gas on hand for the emergency vehicles while the pipeline was down. Town has been considering getting a 500 gallon above ground tank at Public Works for convenience.
- The Board would like Department Heads to address them with good, bad, and needed items so they can get to know them better. May have Dept. Heads come on a quarterly basis to the Board meetings or work sessions prior to the meetings.
- Surplus property on Jackson St is looking overgrown and junky. If Town does not need the property, can it be sold off.
- Shipping containers are not approved per ordinance and Board would like them to be removed if possible, at Lion's Hut, McAllister Ballfield, and Senior Center.
- Question about if Lion's Hut would continue little league football due to smaller group.
- Clarification of current ordinance concerning golf carts, 4 wheelers, and ATV's on Town streets at next Board meeting would be appreciated.
- Concerns over new water/sewer lines connecting to older lines on side streets like Cook St., will there be money budgeted to repair them.


Copy of Proposed FY21/22 Budget and Budget Message included in Minute Book.

3. Adjournment

With nothing else to discuss Mayor Pro-Tem Furr closed the Budget Workshop.

By our signatures, the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, June 14, 2021 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

