



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
***Budget Workshop**
Tuesday, August 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, August 8 2017, Council President Dowless called the Edgewood City Council workshop to order at 6:30 p.m., and dispensed with the formalities.

City Clerk Meeks announced a quorum with the following attendance:

Attendees

Ray Bagshaw, Mayor
John Dowless, Council President
Pam Henley, Council Member
Lee Chotas, Council Member
Richard Alan Horn, Council Member
Susan Fortini, Council Member

Staff

Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk
John Freeburg, Police Chief
Shannon Patterson, Police Clerk/Accreditation Manager

The following comments/discussions are noted:

- City Clerk Meeks confirmed that the revised budget was based on 4.95 mills. It was noted that there is approximately a \$30,000 difference with the millage decreased from 5.2 mills to 4.95 mills.
- Mayor Bagshaw reported that due to the efforts of Shannon Patterson and City Clerk Meeks, the city will receive a \$40,000 refund from GATSO. The refund is due to two cameras that have been out of operation since December 12, 2016 however, the City was being billed for the cameras.
- At the request of Council President Dowless, Mayor Bagshaw explained accruals. He said that journal entries are made due to the receipt of funds after October that were revenues for the 16/17 fiscal year.
- Mayor Bagshaw said he is okay with leaving the millage rate at 4.95.
- Mayor Bagshaw confirmed that the cash on hand stays at approximately \$400,000.

- Council President Dowless said that if the city is thinking about pursuing annexations, he feels 4.95 mills may make a difference to annex versus 5.2 mills.
- Mayor explained that the city engineer will need to provide an evaluation for those areas that the city wants to annex.
- Consensus of Council to base the budget on 4.95 mills.
- Council Member Henley asked for a list of items that would be covered under Computer (516499.01). Shannon said she would get a list from Scott Zane.
- Mayor Bagshaw explained donations and how they are distributed. He said the funds for the 17/18 FY are designated for the art school and charter school. He said the city does place an ad in the Pioneer Days book. Discussion ensued regarding the distribution of these funds.
- Mayor Bagshaw noted that the city does receive sponsorships for special events.
- Mayor Bagshaw confirmed for Council Member Henley the proposed capital outlay expenditures included carpet for city hall, air conditioner(s) and renovations to the restrooms in the Police Department.
- Mayor Bagshaw suggested a contest be held for the creation of the City Seal. Council Member Fortini said that this should be part of the rebranding based on the results of the visioning. Mayor Bagshaw said that this process could take a couple of years. The matter was left open for future discussion.
- City Clerk Meeks noted the changes requested to the police department's budget for holiday bonus and health insurance.

City Clerk Meeks summed up the meeting with confirming the budget would move forward using 4.95 mills. She confirmed the changes the police department made to their budget, and confirmed the IT/Computer budget amount is pending the list of expenses to be provided from Scott Zane for this line item. Lastly, City Clerk Meeks confirmed with Council that the third budget workshop scheduled for August 21, 2017 is not needed and will be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business or discussion, the workshop adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


John Dowless
Council President


Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO
City Clerk

Approved by Council on August 15, 2017.

*The workshop was not recorded