

MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING – APRIL 20, 2013 @ 9:30 A.M.
EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER - #27 E. FRONTAGE ROAD
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THANK YOU.

(The Town of Edgewood Council is pleased to have residents of the community take time to attend Council Meetings. Attendance and participation is encouraged. Individuals wishing to be heard during Public Hearing proceedings are encouraged to be prepared. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND VOID OF CHARACTER ASSASSINATION.** Written comments are welcomed and should be given to the Clerk-Treasurer prior to the start of the meeting).

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Hill called the Meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

All Councilors were present with the exception of Councilor Simmons. Also present were Ms. Kay Davis, Administrator, Ms. Dora Garcia, Accounting Specialist, and Ms. Estefanie Muller, CMC, Clerk-Treasurer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilor Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abraham voted aye. Councilor Ring voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

4. BUDGET DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14.

Mayor Hill began the discussion by reviewing the GRT's for the past year. He stated the average was about \$265,000.00 per month. Mayor Hill and the Council discussed items for consideration in the new budget, a new cartridge at the wastewater plant, for approximately \$24,000; overhaul on the grader, approximately \$25,000. Mayor Hill also stated on the need to create a reserve replacement plan for these items.

Councilor Abrams discussed the need to set up a road fund account to use as a match for infrastructure projects. The Council discussed creating one fund with the GRT's from the Construction and Infrastructure Tax to use for roads.

Mayor Hill also expressed the need to put in place an Asset Management Fund possibly \$150,000 to \$200,000. The Road Department will soon be in need of new equipment. The Mayor and Council discussed upgrading the Community Center by painting, signage new light fixtures, and consider paving the parking lot. The Animal Control facilities would be upgraded as well.

The Mayor and Council discussed improvements on Section 16. Ms. Davis stated the restroom facility would cost approximately \$75,000 at the field. A cost for the playground equipment needs to be looked into. Possibly bring the "Buy a Brick Program" back.

Ms. Davis asked if the budget could include a position for Administrative Assistant as Tracy is now the Code Compliance and Planning Assistant. Council agreed.

Councilor Abraham discussed the web-site and using local companies to implement with

a budget of approximately \$15,000.

Other budget items discussed were the contracts with EVEDA, EBRA, and the Route 66 Project, employee increase, signage boards for Town events, seeking more grants, Veteran's Memorial and working with the Chamber of Commerce for fundraising.

Discussion to increase the GRT revenue by 2% for the monthly average.

Mayor Hill stated Judge White had requested an increase to his budget in the amount of \$10,000 for the Indigent Cases.

The Police Budget will be the same at this time as the Union has not brought negotiations forth. The PERA contribution for the police officers was discussed.

Ms. Davis stated she and staff will bring a proposed budget forward with the discussed items.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT & CALENDAR REVIEW.

A. Regular Council Meeting – May 1, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.

B. Regular Council Meeting – May 15, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Hill and the Council discussed scheduling the next Budget Workshop Meeting tentatively for May 18, 2013 at 9:30 A.M.

Mayor Hill, the Council and Staff discussed Agenda items for the Regular Council Meeting of May 1, 2013. The items can be added the Agenda of May 15, 2013.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to cancel the Regular Council Meeting of May 1, 2013. Councilor Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abraham voted aye. Councilor Ring voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

6. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Hill adjourned the Meeting at 11:20 A.M.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 1st day of MAY, 2013.

Rita-Loy Simmons, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Estefanie B. Muller, CMC, Clerk-Treasurer