

**MINUTES
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD COUNCIL
BUDGET PREPARATION WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015 @ 10:00 A.M.
EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER - #27 E. FRONTAGE ROAD**

• **CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Hill called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Councilors present were Chuck Ring, Rita Loy Simmons, John Abrams and Sherry Abraham. Also present were Steve Shepherd, Administrator, Estefanie Muller, Clerk-Treasurer, and Dora Garcia, Finance Specialist.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

2. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON BUDGET PREPARATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.

Mr. Shepherd discussed the GRT's and how they have been declining. The Food and Construction distribution is still decreasing. The Town is working with Taxation & Revenue. Mayor Hill and the Council discussed the Wastewater Plant and the current issues. Also working with EPCOR on the Asset Management Plan.

Discussed were cuts to the budget in having the Town Attorney's attend one meeting per month for the Council and the Planning & Zoning Meetings. The Engineer costs are up with working on the Wastewater Ordinance. Developers that need an engineer review, the cost of the review is being charged to the developer. Also discussed were the RECC payment to Santa Fe County and the Impact Fee. There was a consensus to look into this and possibly discontinue the payments.

Councilor Ring asked if body cameras for the police officers were in the budget. Chief Radosevich stated the New Mexico Self Insurer's Fund will reimburse its members when purchased after July 1, 2015. The Federal Marshall is seeking a location for a facility outside the Albuquerque area. Chief Radosevich will make contact for consideration of the Estancia Valley.

Other options discussed was a franchise tax for non-essential utilities. The Town will work with New Mexico Municipal League.

Mr. Shepherd stated this budget did not include any new employee additions, salary increases, or capital outlay projects. Pending the GRT's, in the next few months, there

will be a mid-year budget review to see if there can be an increase to the budget to include these items.

The Town maintenance crew will be cleaning the Equestrian Center, the Community Center and the Public Works buildings that will cut the expense of Janitorial Services.

Mayor Hill and the Council discussed the new municipal building and the cost. Mayor Hill will be meeting with the architects and discuss options.

3. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Councilor Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

VOTE All Councilors voted aye.

Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 11:56 A.M.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of MAY, 2015.


Brad E. Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:


Estefanie B. Muller, CMC, Clerk-Treasurer