

June 18th, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting Budget 2020-2021 Hearing and Adoption

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Council present: Steve Cox; Mayor, Elizabeth Julian, Judy Drain; Council members, Judi Davis, Michala Alldredge; Town Clerks

Public Present: Kipp Greene, Ashley Coombs, Pam Furches

Pledge of Allegiance

Consider and vote on changes to the 2019-20 budget, if needed:

Mayor Cox reminded the Town Council members that in February they appropriated \$20,000 to EMS, \$5000 to Recreation and \$55,978 to Capital Improvements Projects. He asked if anyone had any other changes to discuss or if Judi had anything specific to discuss. She replied that she didn't. Mayor Cox made a motion to move from the regular meeting into a public hearing to discuss the 2020-2021 budget. Elizabeth seconded the motion, the roll call vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Cox opened the public hearing for comments regarding the budget for the upcoming year. Judi stated she is almost finished with a completed and balanced budget. There were no public comments so Mayor Cox made a motion to close the public hearing and move into the regular meeting. Judy seconded the motion and a roll call vote was unanimous.

Accept comment on the proposed 2020-2021 budget:

Mayor Cox stated that the closures due to COVID-19 have affected revenues for April, May, June and possibly somewhat beyond. Therefore we've had to make different estimates in revenue. There was advice to calculate a 10% reduction this year due to COVID-19. He added that Boulder will probably have less than usual because much of our revenue comes from visiting tourists. He continued that we are at a disadvantage because we are in the process of moving our finances to a new system, Pelorus, which is not fully operational to produce numbers yet. He stated that hopefully by October we will have a handle on Pelorus and be able to produce numbers through that system. He asked everyone to follow along as he read through the proposed numbers from an email that Judi sent on June 12th. Judi stated that she pulled out an old one to compare it to and would discuss any questions when they came up.

Mayor Cox read through the estimated revenues and TC discussed. Transient Room Tax revenue is new this year. Roads were discussed. Budget proposals included \$10,000 Administrative/Legislative, \$2000 Commission or Council, \$5000 Ordinances and Proceedings, \$30,000 Personnel (Corry & summer help TBD), \$2000 Data Processing (Pelorus financial program), \$3000 Auditor, \$26,000 Clerks (Judi, Peg & Michala), \$9000 Attorney, \$15,000 General Government Buildings, \$10,000 Planning and Zoning (consulting, classes & trainings), \$700

Inspections, \$19,000 Fire Department, \$5000 Landfill. \$167,942 Class C Road Program, \$5000 Grounds/Buildings Maintenance and
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Improvements, \$3685 Recreation and Culture, \$1000 Libraries, \$5000 Cemeteries, \$500 Tree City, eliminated Community Planning and Community Development since General Plan and records codification projects are completed, \$8020 Transfer to Special Revenue Fund, \$8000 Rent to LBA. Total Expenditures \$335,847. Capital Projects Fund Expenditures: Fence \$2000, Pavilion-paint roof \$1242, Welcome Signs \$8412, Firehouse Porch \$3000 and Picnic Tables \$7000.

Adopt the 2020-2021 budget by resolution:

Judi read a resolution from Garfield County to adopt final tax rates and budgets. Elizabeth made a motion to adopt the resolution, Judy seconded the motion, and the roll call vote was unanimous. It passed 4-0 Gladys made a motion to approve the budget as discussed, Judy seconded the motion, and a roll call vote unanimous. It passed 4-0.

Discussion on July 4th celebration:

Gladys said she and Pam met and determined a parade route. It will start at 10am at the corner of Burr Trail road and Lower Boulder road and follow the city road instead of Hwy12 to the town park. She reported that people have asked that the parade be patriotic and fun and not political. It was decided that folks would dismiss afterwards and no further town celebration or refreshments due to COVID-19 concerns. Pam will forward an announcement to send via email/Pegboard and post on social media sites. Gladys will find people to direct traffic and block off the parade route.

Consideration of and voting on a proposed ordinance which would regulate or restrict use of fireworks:

Mayor Cox reported that we normally post a fire restriction ordinance at this time of year and asked Judi to draft an ordinance to start June 22 through October 2020. He made a motion to adopt a fire restriction ordinance from June 22 through October 2020, or when the BLM and DNFS fire restrictions end, Elizabeth seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was unanimous. It passed 4-0.

Discussion on personnel to oversee use of landfill:

Mayor Cox reported that Dean Wilson will take over the landfill position. He will talk to Conrad about filling in for Dean if need be.

Approval of Checks Issued in March, April and May:

Not received by everyone so they will approve them in the July TC meeting.

Public Comments:

None

Gladys made a motion to adjourn, Judy seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.