



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 10, 2007

Layne Curtis, At Large 2007
Charles Smith, At Large 2008
Michael Bowie, At Large 2009
Gina Mason, District 1 2007
Janet Henry, District 1 2009
Dale Crafts, District 2 2007
Norma Wells, District 2 2009

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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Chairman, Layne Curtis, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Smith, Curtis, Bowie, Mason, Henry, Crafts, and Wells. Budget Advisory Board members present were Steven Curtis, Roger Cote, Richard Main, Hale Chase (arrived 6:45 PM) and Walter Morse. Lori Pomelow and Paul Chizmar were absent. Also present were Curtis Lunt, Town Manager; Twila Lycette, Town Clerk; Mark Stevens, Recreation Director; David Brooks, Chief of Police; P. Sean Galipeau, Fire Chief; Wayne Ricker, Solid Waste Management Director; Elwood Beal, Public Works Director; Verla Brooks, Park Ranger; Diane Nadeau, Library Director; and approximately seven citizens in the audience.

TOWN BUDGET REVIEW HEARING

Mr. Lunt explained the list of unresolved budget items and the changes made.

The Budget Advisory Board made the following recommendations for the Town Budget:

- Public Works – address ADA and health issues at the Public Works Garage.
- Solid Waste – last year \$10,000 was bonded for a Solid Waste Garage, and it was not completed; the recommendation is to add the funds to complete this.
- Create a committee to review fees for services.
- Campus Avenue – add \$11,200 to the Town Buildings line for heating and election.
- Economic Development – require grant writing experience for the position.
- Recreation Department – review the fee structure.
- Teen Center & Recreation Dept. – remove \$34,420 from the Teen Center and add it to the Recreation Department for a director of teen activities, and consolidate the Teen Center with the MTM Center to cut down costs.
- Outdoor Recreation Land Fund – use \$10,000 for the Pinewoods Road Sports Complex.

Board of Registration

Mrs. Lycette answered questions regarding increases in the Voter Registration budget. The Council requested line comparisons for the last 2 years for the items in question, and an explanation of the increases and additional lines to be presented at the next regular Council meeting.

Lisbon Emergency

Sean Matayer, spokesman for Lisbon Emergency, explained the need for funding from the Town and the costs involved in running the service. The Budget Advisory Board recommended passing this budget line as submitted. The Council agreed by consensus to keep the budget line as submitted. Councilor Bowie requested that a monitoring system be created and enforced to count missed calls.

Parks

Ms. Brooks explained the changes in the Parks budget. The Council agreed by consensus to the budget as presented.

Public Works Operations

Councilor Bowie suggested changing the budgeting system to include maintenance work for public vehicles rather than charging the individual departments for that work. Mr. Beal explained the line changes and the overall Public Works Operations budget. Mr. Lunt explained increases in the Green Thumb Gang portion of the budget and upcoming projects affecting the overall Public Works

Operations budget. Councilor Smith suggested purchasing a stainless steel body instead of a regular one, which would cost approximately \$63,000, increasing the total of a five year lease to approximately \$13,230 annually, increasing the budget total by \$2,780.

The Chairman called a recess at 7:46 PM and reconvened at 7:53 PM.

Councilor Smith requested verification that the Council can separate the chassis and cab combination and body purchases.

Solid Waste

Mr. Ricker answered questions regarding the Solid Waste budget. Mr. Lunt explained plans for improvements. The Council agreed by consensus to the budget as presented.

Library

Mrs. Nadeau answered questions regarding the Library, and explained upcoming and current improvements. The Council agreed by consensus to the budget as presented.

Town Buildings

Mr. Lunt answered questions regarding the Town Buildings budget, and explained improvements made and planned. Councilor Bowie asked if consolidation of janitorial services has been researched; Mr. Lunt said no. Councilor Wells requested that the Finance Director provide a more accurate estimate for natural gas charges. The Council agreed by consensus to the budget as presented. The Budget Advisory Board requested more consistent updating of the Town website.

Contingency Grants/Match

The Council agreed by consensus to the budget as presented.

Economic Development

The Council agreed by consensus to the budget as presented.

Recreation Department

Mr. Stevens proposed a two to three year plan to increase rates slowly to boost revenues, and explained projected revenue increases for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Councilor Crafts suggested a scale for multi-child families. Councilor Bowie requested a projection of the percentage of the community that uses the services. The Council agreed by consensus to the budget as presented.

Teen Center

The Council suggested consideration of a consolidation of services and space with the MTM Center. Councilor Smith requested a daily log of Teen Center usage going forward. Councilor Henry suggested heavier promotion of services.

MTM Center

Mr. Stevens answered questions regarding the MTM Center budget. The Council agreed by consensus to the budget as presented.

Councilor Bowie recommended preparing a presentation for the public hearing for the total budget. Mr. Stevens suggested adding a column to the budget comparison that shows the actual amount raised by taxation. The Chairman requested that a budget detail for the public hearing be presented at the May 15th Town Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-065) Councilor Curtis, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved to adjourn at 9:16 PM. **Order passed - Vote 7-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Juliet C. LeBlond
Assistant Town Clerk

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