

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WESLEY CHAPEL TOWN HALL
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104
May 1, 2018 – 7:00 PM

The Village Council of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina met in the Town Hall at 6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina.

Council Present: Mayor Horvath, Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis, Council Members Como, Fuller, Rodriguez

Others Present: Clerk/Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation and Determination of quorum *Time Stamp 0:00*

Mayor Horvath led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was given.

2. Review/Discuss Proposed Budget for 218/19 *Time Stamp: 1:30*

Finance Officer Bennett reviewed estimated revenues. Property taxes are based on the taxable value estimates for 2018-19, which are \$909,716,936 for real property, \$15,176,124 for personal property, and \$95,920,629 for motor vehicles. The first two figures are about a 3.3% increase from the current year, and the motor vehicles figure is about a 7.3% increase.

The League of Municipalities prints a guide, *Projections for State-Collected Local Government tax Revenue*, to estimate state shared revenues, with appropriate adjustments for local circumstances.

Expenditures were reviewed next. The account for *Electronic Communications* includes charges for the website, email accounts, domain and the phone bills. *Land Maintenance* includes the monthly landscape maintenance as well as \$300 for any needed repairs to the irrigation system. *Town Hall Utilities* includes the water, gas and electric bills. *Town Hall Maintenance Services* includes the alarm contract, cleaners, garbage collection, heating and air service contract, pest control, and annual services relating to the fire extinguishers and panel.

Review of Operating Expenditures came next. *Youth Council YLA* budget was amended to \$2,500. The budget for the annual retreat was increased to \$5,000 due to the desire of Council to provide the event free of charge to citizens, also the facilitator we used this year may not be available, and the cost will probably be higher. There will be no election expense since it is not a municipal election year. The budget for travel and entertainment dropped because we will not have the expense of council members attending their introductory classes. Dues estimates were received from the various organization the Village belongs to.

In the area of salaries, the town's contribution rate to the retirement system has gone up from 7.5% to 7.75%. The amount for the Urban Forester has remained the same as the current year.

The budget for *Artwork* at town hall was increased to \$5,000 so that we can purchase a large plaque of the Village Seal to be put in Council Chambers. The amount for *Sidewalks Reserve* has increased to meet the last estimate NC DOT gave us for our share of the sidewalks along the Hwy. 84 road project. The amount budgeted for the contract deputy is based on the amount given us by Union County.

Parks and Rec Chairman John Lepke was present to review the budget requests for parks and rec. \$10,260 was estimated for parks and rec events, based on five events. *Other Supplies and Materials* budget was increased to \$6,000, based on \$500 per month. The request for \$70,000 for *Pond Maintenance* was based on the desire to dredge the pond, and remove sludge that may contain copper. Since we do not know if there is a problem with copper, or if the pond needs to be dredged, that amount was decreased to \$3,500. \$5,000 was requested to re-stock fish. \$50,000 was requested for land maintenance at the park, John Lepke related conversations with the landscapers who had not been applying as many chemicals to the grass since the contract expired. The amount was revised to \$35,000, anticipating bidding out the contract; also *Town Hall Land Maintenance* was increased to \$7,000. *Tree Services* was increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000. Parks and Rec *Utilities* budget request was increased to \$15,000 noting we will have increased costs due to the irrigation system, band shell and flag pole lights.

Capital outlay items in Parks and Rec including the amphitheater, lighting and sound equipment, irrigation system, and Phase 2 planning and design were reviewed.

We will review what we can use the fees in lieu that are in fund balance for, as part of balancing the budget.

Membership in COG was discussed and will be put on the next agenda. The contract deputy position was discussed, noting we originally had privilege licenses to fund part of it, and that will be discussed in the next meeting also. The amount was reduced to reflect five months instead of a full year of funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaperonis had to leave the meeting early. The amounts spent for the contract planner and zoning administrator were discussed, there is a 60 day termination clause in the contract, and the possibility of hiring a full time planner instead will be discussed at the next meeting. The Finance Officer will review the fund balance reserves, to see how we can balance the budget. Fee Schedule changes were reviewed; *Administrative Site Plan Review* was added, as was *Subdivision Modification Request*. Fees were increased from \$250 to \$350 for zoning map text and map amendments, and for Future Land Use Plan text and map amendments.

3. Adjournment *Time Stamp 3:28:45*

Council Member Fuller motioned to adjourn; Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Mayor Brad Horvath