

MINUTES
GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Budget Hearing, Tuesday, September 01, 2020, 5:00 PM Via Zoom
CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE FL 32331

1. Call to Order: Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.
2. Roll Call by the Clerk: Mayor Brittini Brown, Vice Mayor Calvin Malone, Councilmember Bobby Burnett, Councilmember Kathleen Hamilton, and Councilmember Brandi Tillman were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Lee Jones, Jr., Interim Town Clerk

3. Public Comment

- John Willoughby of the Madison Courier asked if members of the public would be able to ask questions during the presentation.
- Dr. Patricia Hinton thanked Mr. Jones for sending her the budget. She recommended that the public be able to contribute after Mr. Jones' presentation.
 - Mayor Brown said that she would reopen public comment after the presentation.

4. New Business

- a. Budget Hearing – Interim Town Clerk Lee Jones, Jr.
 - Mr. Jones provides his budget presentation.
 - Last year, the Board adopted an approximately \$7 million budget. This year, the Board will consider a \$7.3 million budget due to growth in the general fund.
 - General Fund: \$3.7 million (driven by grant funds)
 - Other revenues included are based on projections provided by the State, which could be subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ENTERPRISE/UTILITY FUNDS

- Sanitation Fund: largely unchanged from last year.
- Sewer Fund: The town projects growth due to the connection fees associated with sewer infrastructure.
 - This number is subject to change as unforeseen challenges emerge associated with the sewer project, such as homes that made unknown additions to their properties. These issues will be presented by the contractors upon discovery.

- Water Fund: Projects a marginal increase due to indexing previously approved by the Council and new customers.

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND

- Evergreen Cemetery: The number proposed is the same as last year.
 - Last year, the Town sold approximately four (4) plots, so we expect those numbers to stay the same.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mayor Brown opened the floor to the public for additional public comment.
- Dr. Hinton asked where the \$1.8 million carried forward comes.
 - Mr. Jones said that this is not a balance but rather an undepreciated asset value.
- Dr. Hinton asked if the Town Council intended to seek funds from renting the new Senior Center.
 - Mayor Brown said that we could reconsider once the pandemic is past and the public is congregating again.
- Dr. Hinton asked if general revenue fund included small fees generated by the Town.
 - Mr. Jones said that it did include items not included in existing line items, such as park rentals and landscaping service provided to private entities.
- Dr. Hinton asked about the funds set aside for beautification and skills center.
 - Mr. Jones estimates that \$75,000 would be used for skills center, which could come from corporate partnerships.
- Vice Mayor Malone asked about revenue associated with the Evergreen Cemetery.
 - Mr. Jones said that the current records are so old that many are deteriorating, and it is hard to read.
 - Mayor Brown said that we could digitize the records to make it easier to account for current plots and manage maintenance.
 - Councilmember Malone stressed to the public that there is no money coming from the Busch Estate.
 - Mayor Brown said that the revenue appears to be high since we typically sell fewer plots than the revenue in the budget would indicate sold in the next year.
 - Mayor Brown stressed that it takes more money to operate the cemetery than the Town generates in plot sales, so the Town needs to think how to address this imbalance long-term.

- Councilmember Burnett asked for an update regarding the grocery store project.
 - Mr. Jones said that he would be sending an update to the Council.
- Dr. Patricia Hinton asked if the Town Council would share its intention regarding the cemetery.
 - Mayor Brown said that there was no predetermined intention, and that the Council’s decision would be made by the numbers.
 - Councilmember Malone stressed that there was no predetermined intention of the Council.
 - Councilmember Tillman agreed with Mayor Brown and Vice Mayor Malone.
- Mr. Jones closed the workshop devoted to town revenue. The next workshop would address expenses.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Burnett expressed his condolences to the family of Mayor Brown and Councilmember Tillman for the loss of a family member.
- Mayor Brown updated the public of a statement posted to her personal Facebook page.
- Vice Mayor Malone asked if the Town Council could consider mandatory drug testing for Councilmembers at a future meeting.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Vice Mayor Malone moved to adjourn; second by Councilmember Hamilton.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

/s/ Lee N. Jones, Jr.
 Lee N. Jones, Jr., Manager/Clerk