

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, August 10, 2015

Attendance:

Present:

Scott Preston, Town Council President
Michael Wernke, Town Council Member
Ted Dawson, Town Council Member
Steve Moss, Town Council Member
Maureen Burger, Town Council Member
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
Bob Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney

Others:

See attendance sheet

Agenda and discussion:

1. In S. Preston's called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with all council members present.
2. S. Preston asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 15, 2015. On a motion by S. Moss, seconded by M. Burger, a unanimous vote approved the minutes as written.
3. R. Parrin reviewed the June 30, 2015 financial report. Cash balances are good and there are no items of significance to report. This will serve as the basis for developing the 2016 Budget.
4. R. Parrin reviewed the FY2016 budget requirements and schedule with the Council. He noted that the 2016 Net Assessed Value of the Town is \$102,324,308, up 2.2% from prior year. For comparison, Marion County in total was down .2%, Washington Township down .3% and Meridian Hills down 3%. The 2015 Certified net levy was \$70,927. We will budget for an increase in levy based on NAV.

Budget Calendar:

September 1: Statement of proposed tax rate and submit to City-County Council for non-binding review.

September 11: Last day to publish public notice of budget hearing

September 21: Hold public hearing for proposed budget

October 12: Adopt FY2016 budget

November 4: Last day to submit adopted budget to DLGF.

5. Judd Scott, an arborist, reported the results of an inspection of trees along the Town's roads. There are a number of trees that should be removed. Those in the ROW will be discussed with the City. Homeowners will be contacted by the Council for those on private property.

6. A. Kasper advised the Council that no significant incidents were reported in the Town the past two months. The only incidents in the area have been Meridian Hills thefts from unlocked automobiles parked outdoors. Solicitor activity has been low compared to recent years. He also was pleased to report an increase in residents are calling 911 rather than the general number to report issues.

7. Residents Charlane Niemczura and Ginger Gilles addressed the Council about a variance request they will be making to DMD on September 1 to OK a fence installed in the College ROW at a height exceeding 42". They asked for a letter of support from the Council. A motion was made by M. Burger to provide the letter, seconded by S. Moss and was approved unanimously.

8. M. Burger advised the Town Beautification Committee sent a survey to all residents requesting feedback on areas they would like to see enhanced. There were 8 responses. They will resend it in a few weeks to solicit more input.

9. S. Preston advised that he will be leaving the Council at year end. The Council decided to make a request to Town residents interested in serving in the upcoming year and encourage them to attend the October meeting. There was further discussion about holding a Town social function in the upcoming year. S. Moss will include a call for volunteers to plan the gathering in the next newsletter.

10. The subject of mosquito abatement came up. M. Wernke will contact the City to schedule spraying in the Town.

There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by S. Moss and seconded by T. Dawson, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by R. Parrin, Town Clerk-Treasurer