



# **TOWN COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**June 24, 2023 at 9:00 AM**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS - 202 E. MAIN STREET, DUNDEE, FL 33838**

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**CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Pennant at 9:11 AM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Pennant**

**ORDINANCE #13-08, PUBLIC SPEAKING INSTRUCTIONS given by Mayor Pennant**

**ROLL CALL given by Town Clerk Douthat**

**PRESENT**

Steve Glenn

Bert Goddard

Willie Quarles

Mary Richardson

Sam Pennant

**DELEGATIONS-QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

*(Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

## **1. DISCUSSION: FY 2023-2024 BUDGET**

### **A. STORMWATER**

Town Manager Davis provided the Town Commission with a brief summary and turned the floor over to Public Works Director, John Vice.

The storm water budget increased to \$339,498.00. This includes needed improvements along Edmunds Avenue and Betty Avenue. There is also an increase in operating supplies to reflect more accurate numbers. The increase also included contracting street sweeping services.

**Annette Wilson, 408 MLK** asked if the work on Betty Ave will affect the drainage on MLK.

## **B. PARKS/RECREATION**

The Parks and Recreation budget increased to \$343,814.00. That includes moving last year's proposed wet/dry park to the current year due to a lack of expected impact fees and other applicable funding sources.

**Drexcel Robinson, 612 MLK Street** asked why the Town renovates the parks the way they do. Instead of one or two parks each year he suggest spending money on all parks every year.

This also includes the Veteran's Memorial Park paid for by the CDBG grant and lighting at Nancy Ball Park.

**Drexcel Robinson, 612 MLK Street** asked if there is a 10-year vision plan for the Town.

The landscaping will be updated throughout Town facilities such as the Historic Depot and the Main Street Center. The Parkland impact fees will be spent on Merrill Park and Edmunds Park to include a dog park and new equipment and structures. This also includes a new mower and an F150/Ranger for the Parks Department.

## **C. PUBLIC FACILITIES**

The Public Facilities budget will increase to \$178535.00. The increase will include a full-time employee for Public Facilities, a new air conditioning unit for the Community Center and Town Hall, and a floor stripper/buffer. Painting the exterior of the Community Center is also included.

Vice Mayor Glen requested to hold exterior painting until next budget year and add remodeling the restrooms at the Community Center to the budget.

Public Works Director Vice will gather quotes for remodeling the restrooms at the Community Center and adjust the budget appropriately.

***MOTION TO RECESS*** for lunch at 11:16AM made by *Goddard*, seconded by *Quarles*.  
*Passed unanimously.*

*Voting Yea; Goddard, Quarles, Richardson, Glenn, Pennant*

***Reconvened at 11:46 AM***

## **D. SANITATION**

The Sanitation budget will increase to \$988,118.00. The increase will include the purchase of three (3) garbage trucks as the Town transitions from leasing to owning its current fleet. The purchase of the trucks will go out to bid. The current contract with Republic Services for commercial pick up will also be going out to bid.

Town Manager Davis told the Commission that Raftelis Consultants suggested creating a sanitation impact fee to help offset sanitation expenses.

Assistant Town Attorney Claytor stated that the Town may explore funding options which includes, but is not to be limited to, the possibility of creating a sanitation impact fee or sanitation .

Vice Mayor Glenn asked if the fee would be added to the utility bill or the tax bill.

Town Manager Davis confirmed that it would not be on the utility bill.

Town Manager Davis requested a new grapple truck for the sanitation department.

Mayor Pennant requested to hold that purchase for 12 months.

## **E. STREETS**

The Streets Division budget will increase to \$918,177.00. The increase includes the purchase of small equipment items including a new ice machine, new chainsaws, and new weed eaters. It also includes sidewalk improvement projects along Lincoln Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, street resurfacing projects on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Highland Avenue, installing speed humps on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Frederick Avenue and street sign replacement around the Town.

This also includes the purchase of a new truck for the department to replace the current truck 407. The Commission requested staff get quotes for Rangers, F150s and F150 Crew cab trucks before an approval is given.

## **F. DEPOT**

The Historic Depot budget will increase to \$39,485.00 to include replacement of the barn door hardware, decorative light pole globes, and restoration of the gazebo.

## **G. LEGAL**

The Legal Services budget will increase to \$180,000.00 due mostly to the increase in development and development review.

**ADJOURNMENT at 2:18PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Trevor Douthat*

Trevor Douthat, Town Clerk

**APPROVAL DATE:** 7/25/2023