



TOWN MEETING INCLUDING THE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM

RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro tempore William Steppe called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were as follows:

Mayor David Guy joined later, Commissioners William Steppe & Nicholas Goode, Town Manager Amie Hanaway

Citizens present were as follows: Shelia Goforth, Jeff Seals

Guests present were as follows: none present

AGENDA ADOPTION

William asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Nick made a motion to adopt, William seconded, passes unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKERS

The following guests spoke: None in attendance

COMMUNITY FORUM

The following citizens spoke:

Shelia Goforth- Shelia had complaints about the entrance to Ruthridge and the visibility when exiting the development. She shared she had taken it upon herself to spray weed killer and trim the bushes. The board reminded her that is private property and advised against trespassing on others property. The board communicated discussions are underway and they are investigating solutions with legal counsel, following General Statue parameters.

Jeff Seals- Jeff had questions of safety regarding Children at Play signs being removed on Acorn, Northview Dorsey, and McKinney streets while still erect in Ruthridge. The board communicated all of the Children at Play signs within Ruth's jurisdiction should have been removed. The explanation of liability was discussed, reiterating the roadway is for vehicular traffic, not children, pedestrians, or animals. Any citizen with concerns for children at play should not encourage roadway play and should post signage on their personal property if so desired. It was communicated the signs remaining in Ruthridge will be removed immediately as well.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

William asked for a motion to adopt the previous meetings minutes. Nick made a motion to approve, William seconded, passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Guy has joined the meeting and is now chairing.

1. Budget Hearing

Open forum to hear comments regarding the proposed budget 2022-2023. Visitors must be signed in, only have three minutes per. Mayor Guy should ask for motion to enter into Public Hearing session.

David requests a motion to enter into public hearing session of the budget adoption process. William makes a motion to hear public comments, Nick seconds the motion, passes unanimously. We are now in the public hearing phase of the budget process. There are no public comments. William made a motion to adjourn public comment section, Nick seconded, passes. William made a motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2022-2023, Nick seconds, passes unanimously.

2. Financial Reporting

Amie reviewed the budget vs actual report. She requested the board offer a motion to adjust to actual. William made a motion to adjust year end numbers from 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 to actual. Nick seconded the motion. It passes unanimously. Amie communicated she will attach within the minutes to the board a line by line adjustment with the accompanying ordinance for their review.

3. Audit Contract for 2021-2022

Amie made note the audit contract was attached to the agenda and emailed to the board ahead of this meeting. She requests the board make a motion to formally adopt and sign this audit contract. William made a motion to adopt, Nick seconds, passes unanimously. Amie communicated she will send the contract to them again for adobe signature before sending on to the auditor.

4. Legal Contract renewal

Our legal counsel has increased their rates and we must adopt the new contract. Amie reminded the board she had sent the legal counsel contract via email in advance of the meeting. She asked for a motion to adopt the newly revised contract with the updated rate. William made a motion to adopt, Nick seconded, passes unanimously. Again, Amie communicated this will be processed through adobe sign and then sent on to King Law.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Street signs with directional indicators

Nick shared with the board a emergency call to Acorn street that was misdirected by the responders. He noted he feels the current signage doesn't adequately label the streets. He recommends a new sign with directional arrows displaying Northview Dorsey pointing in its direction and Acorn pointing in its direction. He would like to know the boards thoughts on this topic. The board would like all of our street signs to be reviewed and updated if necessary. Mayor Guy requested Amie be given the latitude to go ahead and order the signage for the intersection in question. The board agreed, she will handle it immediately.

ADJOURNMENT

Nick made a motion to adjourn, William seconded, passes unanimously.

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