



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room
Town Council Meeting
APRIL 24, 2017 - 7:00 PM
MINUTES

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ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Thomas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Anne Freeman, Donna Ellis, Steve Thomas, Doug Sinclair, Jeanne Jacques, John Snyder and Steve Watson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Ruth A. Nickerson, Donna Pulver, Michelle Thayer, Lindsey Ouellette, Ben Birch and Josh Berry

IV. REVIEW CONSENT CALENDAR: REGULAR BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, SIGNATURES, And APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES. -APPROVE None

WARRANTS. -SIGN None

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

VI. PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENTS (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)

None



VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS

None

B. NEW BUSINESS

None

C. WORKSHOPS

#2. Hold Workshop 2017-2018 FY Budget

Manager Kroll informed the Council that tonight's workshop would include a review of the following budget categories: General Government, Recreation, Recreation Enterprise and Municipal Revenues.

General Government

Administration has an increase of \$46, 978 or 12.54%. The majority of this increase is due to the rise in health insurance cost. Premiums will increase by 10% in January of 2018. Additionally, Computer Software licenses have all seen an increase in annual premiums. The Manager affirmed that he removed his mileage allowance from the budget. He also proposed that the Finance Director become a full time position. In response to Councilor Freeman, Mr. Kroll told how future utility needs, including sewer support, this need. The Council participated in a conversation regarding the need for a full-time Finance Director. Councilors Sinclair and Watson agreed that the position should be full-time. In response to Councilor Jacques, the Manger affirmed that the Finance Director is a regular employee and no longer a contracted employee. The Council and Manger then discussed the Assessing Departments portion of the budget. Mr. Kroll told how our Listor is now a certified assessor and an increase in pay is more than appropriate for him. It was proposed his wage increase from \$14.00 and hour to \$17.00 an hour. Assessor Ben Birch approached the Council and shared why he believes the Listor wage should be \$20.00 an hour. Mr. Birch also stated that the revaluation will be complete by June of 2018. 75% of the field work required for the revaluation is complete. The Code Enforcement Office was discussed next. Manager Kroll affirmed the retirement of our current Code Enforcement Officer and told how we will eventually need to consider having an in house licensed plumbing inspector. Michelle Thayer, Parks and Recreation Director informed the Council that the Summer Sizzler is back. The Harvest & Homecoming event was challenging and the sizzler is missed by many. She presented a well rounded recreation program for



community members of all ages. She told how there are currently 100 members that participate in our Senior Program. Michelle spoke of her need for reliable transportation for the program. She has been researching several different dealers and vehicles. She gave a handout to the Council with a variety of options and asked that the Council to consider the purchase of a vehicle for the program. Councilor Thomas asked about the track at the high school. The Manger stated that the wet land issue is still being worked on.

Municipal Revenues

The Manager told how revenues will increase this year 7.31% or \$254,450. We anticipate an increase in excise tax received, excise reimbursement, building permit revenue, local plumbing fees, cemetery sales, TIF revenues, and interest on investments.

D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)

None

X. APPOINTMENTS

None

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

None

XII. FINAL PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENT (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)

None

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Councilor Thomas

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.