

MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY AUGUST 14th, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.
CASTLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
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Council Members Present: Mayor Erley, Council Members Drogin, Duncan, & Hill.

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mary Beth Fitzburgh, Leta Vaughn, Pam Hackley, Darr Hatch, Jennifer Mengel, & Ron Drake.

Recorder: Alison Fuller

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Erley called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Council Member Hill stated that she was very happy with the Public Hearing and thought that was an exemplary way local government should work together with the community. She spent a lot of time crunching numbers in the budget and did a lot of research on buying used equipment and looking into grants. The Town will need to save a lot of money but found some promising ways to get grants to share costs. The council was not saying "no" to buying road equipment but wanted to let the grader run for as long as possible and then lease while the town can save up for a possibility to obtain a 50/50 loan.

Mayor Erley stated that he would like to be able to save and look for a used piece of CAT equipment that can be serviced in the area for far less cost and lease the back-hoe with the minimum 3 year contract.

Council Member Hill stated that the Town still has money set aside just in case the grader dies soon, and if not they will put that money towards ~~equipment to purchase.~~ *capital roads funds.*

The council discussed saving money by using the current grader as long as possible and putting that money toward a grant to buy a grader for the Town.

Council Member Hill stated that she did everything she could to bring the budget down and took out a lot of padding that would normally be in the budget. The \$20,000 reduction for the water study helped because the council took the funds out of the Capitol Projects account. She felt that the most important projects (re-paving Castle Valley Dr. & the Castle Creek Crossing) would be cut into if the budget went any lower and an 85% increase was as far as the council comfortably could go down.

Council Member Duncan stated that there are possible ways that the Town will be able to save and put money aside for capital projects within the budget.

The Council stated that the increase will be 85% without a plan to lower taxes in the future.

There was discussion around truth and taxation and with any future tax increase the Town would need to go through the same public process that we are currently going through.

Darr Hatch inquired about the Shafer Lane project getting finished along with the Castle Creek crossing/culvert project.

Mayor Erley assured him that that project was in motion and going to be completed.

Mary Beth Fitzburgh inquired about the line items that were changed in order to arrive at the new budget.

They included a reduction for the equipment lease, maintenance & repairs, capital projects, & some payroll. John Lucas stated his support for leasing the equipment & inquired about the training for the new roads manager on the new equipment. He stated that Merrill Brady would be delighted to help the town work out the lease. He also felt that the Town is not growing rapidly and the culvert appears to have some time.

Council Member Hill stated that Merrill Brady is on the Roads Committee & has been very involved. Mayor Erley stated that the culvert probably does have time but they need to be prepared for major floods. Jack Campbell stated that the town should not plan on never making another tax increase. Lucas stated that the leased equipment is a good deal when you break it down per hour & is cheaper than renting a lawn mower.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action re: A Resolution to adopt the Final Budget for the fiscal year 2015.

Council Member Drogin moved to adopt the Resolution adopting the final budget, Attachment B for FY 2015, Council Member Hill seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and Possible Action re: A Resolution to adopt the 2014 tax rate for Castle Valley.

There was discussion around

Council Member Hill moved to adopt the resolution to adopt the 2014 tax rate at .00298, Council Member Duncan seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Hill moved to adjourn, Council Member Drogin seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Erley adjourned the meeting at 7:01p.m.

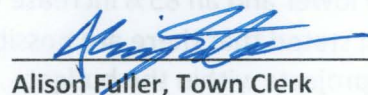
ADJOURN

Approved:

 10/15/14
Date:

David Erley, Mayor

Attested:

 10.15.14
Date:

Alison Fuller, Town Clerk