

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
BUDGET WORKSHOP

7:00 P.M.

APRIL 29, 2014

ATTENDING: Mayor David Cleveland
Council Members: Sandy Coughlin, Mark Phillips, Fabian Szarko and John Barnes.
Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett
Village Administrator Cheri Clark

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor David Cleveland called the Village of Lake Park Budget Workshop to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor David Cleveland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: David Cleveland thanked Cheryl Bennett for all of her work on the budget. Cheryl Bennett discussed the proposed budget line by line. Expected revenue numbers for the Village came from Union County for the Tax Ad Valorem, Utility Ad Valorem and Motor Vehicle tax. Cheri Clark provided the Stormwater and Zoning Permits. The State provided formulas for estimated Sales and Use Tax, Telecom Franchise, Electric Franchise tax, Video Programming, Piped Gas and Solid Waste Disposal Tax. Park and Recreation revenues were provided by Parks and Rec. The Investment revenue is way down since 3 CD's came due in the 2013 – 2014 budget year. Appropriated Fund Balance to balance the proposed 2014-2015 budget - \$90,275. Mark Phillips asked how much money would be appropriated out of this year's budget to balance the current budget. Cheryl Bennett stated that at this time, we have not had to appropriate any funds to balance the current budget; however if we fund the Reserve Accounts, we will need to appropriate funds.

The EDC requested an additional \$1,000 for the 2014 – 2015 budget year since they did not have any workshops this budget year. Stormwater expenses were reduced \$300. Planning and Zoning reduced Code Enforcement Services from \$10,000 to \$3,000 and Legal Services from \$3,500 to \$3000. Salaries were budgeted the same as the 2013 – 2014 budget. Payroll expenses increased \$1,165. Membership & Dues increased to \$4,036. Election expenses are down since there is not a municipal election this year. Cheryl Bennett explained that we have two line items now for Website and Newsletter/Delivery. Numbers for Parks and Rec came from P&R. Electrical Maintenance increased \$1,000. Funded Security Camera System - \$4,000.

Sandy Coughlin made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss staff salaries. John Barnes seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

David Cleveland called the Budget Workshop back into open session. Cheryl Bennett stated that we need to increase Membership & Dues an additional \$160. To balance the proposed budget, Council would need to appropriate \$92,506.

Sandy Coughlin shared that Council would like to increase the Town Administrators, Zoning Administrator and Finance Officers salaries 4% to cover both a merit and CPI increase. Payroll taxes will need to increase about 8%. Council and the Mayor will not receive a salary increase.

Cheryl Bennett will provide a new Proposed Budget based upon the Budget Workshop for the May 20th Council Meeting, along with the Budget Message and Budget Ordinance. Cheri Clark and Cheryl Bennett expressed their appreciation to Council for their raises.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Sandy Coughlin stated that she was happy that we were able to balance the budget without a tax increase.

David Cleveland thanked Cheryl Bennett for putting together the numbers for the Budget Workshop. He thanked both Cheryl Bennett and Cheri Clark for their hard work and dedication to the Village.

ADJOURN: John Barnes made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor David Cleveland

Village Clerk, Cheri Clark