

Mayor Emily Holloway called the Town Council Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017 and welcomed the citizens. Town Clerk Tara Morris called the roll. Members present were Mark Keeler, Mark Sterling, Emily Holloway, Marjorie Funk, David Raynes, and Tim Leeth. Also present were Town Clerk Tara Morris, Town Attorney Nathan Miller, Town Manager Jeff Nicely, Tourism and Parks Director Nathan Garrison, and Police Chief John Painter.

Mayor Emily Holloway stated that the public hearing was to hear citizens' comments regarding the FY 2018 Annual Budget.

Town Manager Jeff Nicely gave a staff report explaining the proposed budget and stated that there is a 4.7% increase from last year. Town Manager Jeff Nicely stated that the budget reflects an increase in the sewer base rate of \$6.20 for the first 2000 gallons and a \$0.07 increase on the per 1000 gallons over the minimum. He stated this is due to the mandated upgrades that had to be done at the wastewater treatment plant. Town Manager Jeff Nicely stated that the water increase is \$0.04 per 1000 gallons over the minimum. He stated that this is the third year of our twenty year payment for the wastewater treatment plant loan. Town Manager Jeff Nicely stated that we will be replacing a two-inch water line on 4th Street. He stated that this line has the most leaks of any line in Town.

Also included in this year's budget is a two percent pay increase for all full-time employees who haven't reached their top pay scale and a \$0.25 increase for all part-time employees. He stated that the Town will continue to pay health insurance premiums for covered employees.

Town Manager Jeff Nicely asked if anyone had any questions regarding the proposed budget.

With no Council or citizen comments made, Mayor Emily Holloway adjourned the public hearing.

Mayor Emily Holloway called the regular Town Council meeting to order.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with one correction to the workshop minutes to "un" in front of inhabitable. Councilman David Raynes seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, David Raynes, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month April 2017. Councilman David Raynes

seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, David Raynes, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to approve the bills to be paid as of May 8, 2017 and the remaining bills from April totaling \$40,520.70. Councilman David Raynes seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, David Raynes, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to table the request for a sign along Dogwood Avenue from South River Elementary School until the workshop meeting in June so that we can get more information about the sign. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, David Raynes, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

Councilman Mark Sterling made a motion to accept the quote from Swink's Painting not to exceed \$1,800.00 for painting the education building at Grand Caverns. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion. Councilman Mark Keeler asked if this quote included power washing. Tourism and Park Director Nathan Garrison stated that it does. He stated that originally the quote was \$1,500.00 for two coats of paint and he asked for it to be power washed before it was painted which added \$300.00 to the cost for a total of \$1,800.00. Council Members Mark Keeler, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, David Raynes, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Councilman Tim Leeth stated that May is a very busy month and that we have several events going on. He announced that the community yard sale is on May 13th, Summer Market begins on May 20th, Grand Caverns Pool opens on May 27th, Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29th, Opening Day for the Grottoes Cardinals is on May 31st, and on June 2nd we will host a Street Dance on 6th Street.

With no further business to discuss Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor