

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
Town of Parker Senior Center  
1115 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
May 29, 2020

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT:

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CALL THE SPECIAL COUNCIL WORK SESSION TO ORDER 1:00 PM

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Present: Mayor Beaver, Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Member David Lucas, Council Member Karen Binds, Council Member Randy Hartless, Council Member Frank Savino. Absent Council Member Marion Shontz.

Staff Present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Chief of Police Michael Bailey, Public Works Director Steve Ziegler, Senior Center Director Darla Tilley, Library Manager Tracy McConnell, Community Development Director Nora Yackley, and Town Clerk Amy Putnam.

Others Present: Allen May

Purpose:

1. Discussion

a. 2020/2021 FY Budget

Lori Wedemeyer, Town Manager

Town Manager Wedemeyer welcome everyone to the budget work session. She Advises Council and Staff that she has handed out several different color coded budget items. She notes for staff and council the various challenges we have faced as a Town this year and reminds everyone that this is a “no frills budget” the Town will focus on

only necessary capital projects for the town and there will be no raises this year for staff. It is noted there has been a slight increase to the insurance plan dues, which was to be expected as our rates have not increased in a while. CM Bonds asks when the last increase was on our insurance plan. It is noted the last increase was in 2002. TM Wedemeyer notes the different rates as far as family coverage and single coverage. TM Wedemeyer notes the different issue that are surrounding the PSPRS funding and what needs to be paid to the retirement fund. TM Wedemeyer moves on from the introduction and begins discussing the individual line items. Discussion about the line items continues. TM Wedemeyer notes the numerous bonds that we have had over the years. She notes the 2002 USDA Rural Development bond for Parker South. She notes the time left on the bond and the pay off amount. Next review is the GADA loan and its payoff date, she notes that this was a state bond and the amount we received from the bond. She notes the loan that was used to purchase the Alewine property, at this time she is recommending that we refinance this loan at this time. She has spoken with the bond attorney. They can get all of the bonds refinanced. She does not think that we need to do that, but recommends refinancing this bond. She notes the savings in cost will make up for revenue lost from this fiscal year. Mayor Beaver notes the amount of work that he and Lori have done to make sure the refinancing of the bond will be beneficial to the Town, He notes this will assist with the general fund. He also notes that the properties that have not sold will still be used to pay off this refinancing of the loan. VM Hooper asks about the amount of interest being paid, the new financing will only require interest to be paid on the first two years of the loan. This makes sense for the town at this point in time. After TM Wedemeyer is finished all department heads give an update of their capital projects for the year. She notes the amount of work that Public Works put into their update which was sent previously to all department heads and Council. It is noted that this was not asked to be done by all departments as we started the budget process later than normal. She notes the various situations surrounding the reopening of certain departments and all of the work that everyone has done to protect the community. SC Director Tilley notes the amount of meals she is sending out and the various things the center has done, she feels that many seniors are having a hard time not being able to be at the center. It is noted that the elderly are a very vulnerable population. It is noted that while the senior center could open, it may not be best as of yet due to the numbers still rising in the county. TM Wedemeyer moves on to capital projects and asks PW Director Steve Ziegler to share with everyone what he would like to do. He outlines the priorities that his department has decided on. These priorities are based on need, risk and safety to the town residents. He notes the first priority is the water tank projects which includes various pump and valve replacements. This is a CDBG funded project. CM Frank asks if this is related to the previous project that was already worked on, no this is not part of a previous project. He notes the chlorinator pump which is not appropriate for our size water tanks. At this time the chlorinator is designed for a much larger system and the department has always had issues maintaining the appropriate amount of chlorine for the system. This new chlorinator will solve that issue. CM Savino asks about the Pop Harvey restroom renovation and wants to know if that was a part of our three-year cycle, no it was not, The restroom renovation was funded by the state special fund from CDBG which is left over funds from the traditional CDBG finding. The water tank renovation is part of our three-year cycle. It was noted that two public hearings were held regarding the finding for this project and there was absolutely no input from town residents. Steve moves onto other priority projects including street projects. The list he provides outlines the various projects that he would like to have completed regarding the streets. Discussion

continues about what could be done immediately for the safety of residents including the addition of lights and curbs. Discussion continues and moves to the issue of the skate park and the repairs that are needed there, it is noted that the insurance company wants additional items. Interim Police Chief Bailey notes his biggest capital project for next year is to replace to the old v-vue cameras. He notes that the current system is outdated, costs a lot of money for server storage and is generally not a great system for the officers to use. He recommends moving to Axius. He has done a lot of research on this company and they are one of the biggest producers of body cameras for law enforcement. He notes the five year contract and the fact that the cameras will be cycled out every two years for new cameras under this project. He notes the improved access to software which will make it easier to make copies for public requests and that the storage is a cloud based system which will eliminate the need for the town to purchase additional servers in order to store videos. It is noted by many that this system and the contract seem far superior to the current system. SC Director Tilley notes the need for a new truck. She provides information from a company that outfits the trucks with the equipment she needs in order to transport meals. She notes that the current truck will be used for the upriver area and the new truck will be used to service the outlying areas. She notes she is working to raise the funds for this new purchase. She asks what everyone think about reopening the center in June, there is no decision made by council regarding this, as everyone feels it is up to the Director to do what is in the best interest of the centers patrons.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 PM

Approve  
  
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Dan Beaver, Mayor

Work session minutes are not official Council minutes; the work session was called to order and a quorum of the council was present; however, no official action taken.