

Town of Lovettsville

Town Council Minutes of Town Council Meeting – April 29, 2010

The Lovettsville Town Council Budget Meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 8:00 PM.

Present at Meeting

- Vice Mayor Robert Zoldos, II
- Council Members Charlotte Coleman, Scott Dockum, Michael Senate, Shaun Staley
- Town Manager Keith Markel

Absent

- Mayor Elaine Walker (due to a previously scheduled meeting)
- Council Member DiJon Jones

Action/Discussion Items

A. Authorize Advertisement of Budget and Maximum Tax Rates and Fee Changes

The Council discussed the following items:

- Utility Operational Budget
- Proposed Utility Rate Increase
- Review of Draper Aden Report of Virginia Municipal Sewer Rates
- Possible real estate tax increase of two to four cents to create additional revenue for capital projects. Evaluated potential cost to the median home if the rate were to increase. It was suggested that the maximum real estate tax rate be increased from .18 cents to .21 cents for the purpose of advertizing.

Motion: to approve the resolution to advertize the proposed budget and maximum tax rates and fees as amended.

By: Vice Mayor Zoldos

Second: Council Member Senate

Additional Discussion: Councilman Staley expressed reservations over advertizing the higher not-to-exceed rate at this time without a more detailed explanation of how the money would be spend or why it was necessary to increase the rate. Other members commented that this was a not-to-exceed rate and more details would be worked out at future meetings and public comment would be considered at the Public Hearing.

There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Zoldos called for the vote.

Aye: Council Members Coleman, Dockum, Senate, Zoldos

Nay: Council Member Staley

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member Jones

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy L. Kromholz, Town Clerk

Date Approved: August 12, 2010

Attachment I: Resolution: Authorize Town Manager to Advertise Budget and Maximum Tax Rates and Fee Changes

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Resolution: Authorize Town Manager to Advertise Budget and Maximum Tax Rates and Fee Changes

Motion: Robert Zoldos II

Second: Mike Senate

Whereas, Va. Code section 15.2-2506 requires the Town to advertise (once) a synopsis of the proposed FY 2011 budget and the maximum tax rates proposed therein and to conduct a public hearing at least seven days prior to adoption of the budget; and

Whereas, Va. Code section 15.2-107 requires that the adoption or increase of certain fees or charges, including water and sewer availability charges assessed pursuant to section 5.12 and 5.17 of the water and sewer ordinance, to be advertised (twice), giving the percentage or actual change and making reference to the authority by which such fee or charge is imposed.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Lovettsville Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to advertise:

A public hearing on the proposed budget to be conducted May 20, 2010 at 8:00pm, with maximum tax rates to be set as follows:

Real Estate Tax	\$0.21 per \$100 Assessed Value
BPOL	\$0.17 per \$100 gross receipts (min. fee of 34.00)
Automobile/truck license	\$25.00
Motorcycle license	\$16.00
Cigarette Tax	\$.40 per pack
Meals Tax	3 percent gross receipts
Transient Occupancy Tax	5 percent gross receipts
Water User Rate	\$6.10 per 1,000 gallons
Water Connection Charge	\$1,000
Water Availability Charge	\$8,100 per EDU
Sewer User Rate	\$9.15 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer Connection Charge	\$1,000
Sewer Availability Charge	\$11,900 per EDU
Sewer Only Customers	\$76.20 fixed rate per quarterly billing cycle
Minimum Water/Sewer Bill	\$91.50 for up to 6,000 gallons per quarterly billing cycle

Vote:

Ayes: Robert Zoldos II, Scott Dockum, Mike Senate, Charlotte Coleman

Nays: Shaun Staley

Absent for vote: DiJon Jones

Absent from meeting: DiJon Jones

Approved April 29, 2010

Robert Zoldos II, Vice Mayor