

**SUMMARY MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTVERDE
TOWN COUNCIL
FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2016-2017 BUDGET**

September 7, 2016

The Town of Montverde met for a Public Hearing for the FY 2016-2017 Budget on Wednesday September 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium at Town Hall.

Council Members Present:

President, Billy Bates

Vice President, Glenn Burns

Jim Ley

Jim Peacock

Judy Smith

Staff Present:

Joe Wynkoop, Mayor

Graham Wells, Town Clerk, Treasurer

Terry Burden, Public Works Director

Kevin Rausch, Fire Chief

Due to the failure of the audio recorder these minutes are compiled from notes and are abbreviated.

Mayor Wynkoop called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was performed, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Mayor Wynkoop opened the meeting stating that the budget document presented was the same as that discussed at the budget workshop held on August 11, 2016 with the inclusion of recommendations made by Council and additional pages as follows:

Fire Department - \$1,970 was added for Target Solutions (Training for EMS and CEU's)

Parks Department - \$5,000 was added for Playground Equipment at Truskett Park.

\$2,000 was added for repairs to the Ballfield following Montverde Day

Roads Department - \$15,000 from Capital Outlay in Roads would be designated to clearing the lot that the town owns behind the Green Mountain Deli

Addition of Page 6.1 – Cash Position and Investments

Addition of Page 7.1 – Reserve for Operations

At this point the Mayor opened up for discussion and public comment.

Councilman Bates said that he wanted to restart a tradition from several years ago where the town had a cookout for residents before Council meetings. He said that he had spoken to the people who had catered the recent ethics course in Eustis and they would be willing to do it. The cost would be around \$250.00 each month. After discussion Mayor Wynkoop suggested that \$3,600 be added for this to the budget if Council wanted to. An informal vote was taken and all agreed.

The Mayor brought up the issue of the sidewalks on Magnolia Terrace brought to his attention by a resident on Magnolia Bluff Drive. The tree roots in certain areas of the subdivision were causing the sidewalks to rise making them uneven and susceptible to someone tripping and falling. As no cost to replace them or how best to deal with them was available it was decided that no additional money would be added to the budget. The Roads Department has \$60,000 so it was felt that there was ample funding available.

Councilman Burns wanted to address the issue of the proposed increase to the Councils stipend. He said that he was uncomfortable with it as it was not long ago that it was raised to \$400. *Councilman Ley* also voiced his reservations about an increase at this time. The Mayor outlined why he had put the increase into the budget but said it was up to Council if they did not want to accept it. Councilman Peacock stated that he felt the increase was appropriate and that he wanted to keep it.

An informal show of hands was taken with Council Members Bates, Burns, Ley and Smith wanting to forgo the increase and Councilman Peacock wishing to keep it. As a result it was agreed that the increase would be removed from the budget.

Councilwoman Smith brought up the need to have an additional person inside Town Hall to cover for vacations and sick time. Mayor Wynkoop said that the cost of an additional person even part time was considerable and felt that at this time there was sufficient coverage using Erin from the Library. Councilwoman Smith was not happy with this arrangement which has resulted in the library being closed to accommodate town hall.

At this point the Mayor closed all discussion and comment and asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2016-15 setting the millage rate.

MOTION by Councilman Bates to approve Resolution 2016-15 setting the millage rate for 2016-2017 at 2.83 mils: SECONDED by Councilman Ley

For: Bates, Burns, Ley, Peacock, Smith,

Against: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

A motion was requested to approve Resolution 2016-16 approving the tentative budget for the Town of Montverde of \$3,328,970, broken down as follows:

General Fund Total of \$2,242,500

Water Fund Total of \$962,600

Fire Fund Total of \$123,870

MOTION by Councilman Bates to approve Resolution 2016-16 approving the tentative budget for the Town of Montverde of \$3,328,970: SECONDED by Councilman Ley

For: Bates, Burns, Ley, Peacock, Smith,

Against: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Mayor Wynkoop Announced the date for the final Budget Hearing: September 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Being no further discussion a motion to adjourn was requested.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ley; Seconded by Councilwoman Smith. With all in favor the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Wynkoop, Mayor



Billy Bates, Council President

ATTEST:



Graham Wells, Town Clerk