

TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

June 16, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor David Storke, Vice-Mayor Glenn McDearmon, Otis Wright, Jason Satterwhite, Daniel Webb, Jean Davis, Mary Frances Coleman, and Matt Rowe.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Stephen Manster, Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Lewis, Police Chief Steve Hoskins, and Town Attorney Andrea Erard.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Vice-Mayor Glenn McDearmon followed with the invocation.

BUSINESS:

Adoption of FY17 Budget - The Mayor invited anyone wishing to address Council on the matter of the FY17 Budget and tax and utility rates to approach the podium. No one came forward to address Council. The Mayor asked Council if they had any questions or comments regarding the FY17 Budget. In direct response to a question from Mr. McDearmon, Mr. Manster stated that the proposed budget had been presented to Council and discussed at an earlier work session.

On Motion by Mr. McDearmon, seconded by Ms. Davis, Council voted to approve and adopt the FY17 Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

**WrightAye SatterwhiteAye
McDearmonAye Rowe.....Aye
DavisAye ColemanAye
WebbAye**

On Motion by Mr. McDearmon, seconded by Ms. Davis, Council voted to appropriate the funds that were approved as part of the FY17 Budget.

Roll Call Vote:

**WrightAye SatterwhiteAye
McDearmonAye Rowe.....Aye
DavisAye ColemanAye
WebbAye**

O-2016-001 – FY17 Tax and Utility Rates – Mr. Manster stated that the tax rates presented to Council were equalized rates generating overall tax revenue equal to that generated by the FY16 tax rates. He noted that not everyone’s taxes will remain the same as last year. He said some resident’s will see their taxes go up while others will go down depending on the assessed value of their personal property and real estate.

The Town Manager noted that his proposed 5% increase on utility rates was not for water and waste water operations but rather for anticipate debt service for future water and sewer line replacement. He stated that he had submitted an application to the US Department of Agriculture for \$1.7M in grant funds and a \$760K loan to cover the cost of the South Main Street sewer line replacement project.

On Motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Ms. Davis, Council voted to approve and adopt O-2016-001, an ordinance to increases certain taxes and rates for Fiscal Year 2016-17, however the purpose of the increased taxes and rates is only to generate the same amount of revenue as FY 2015-16. All changes generate a revenue neutral impact and do not generate any additional revenue.

Roll Call Vote:

WrightAye SatterwhiteAye
McDearmonAye Rowe.....Aye
DavisAye ColemanAye
WebbAye

Participation in the Regional All Hazard Mitigation Plan – The Town Manager informed Council that the Town has participated in the Regional All Hazard Mitigation Plan for the past 6 years and that it is now time to update the plan. He explained that there is no cost to the Town to participate. Adoption of the plan will qualify residents to obtain low interest loans in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. The Town Manager asked for Council’s authorization to sign the letter confirming the Town’s participation in the Regional All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

On Motion by Mr. Satterwhite, seconded by Mr. McDearmon, Council voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign a letter confirming the Town’s participation in the Regional All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Voting Aye: McDearmon, Wright, Satterwhite, Webb, Coleman, Davis, and Rowe.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business to come before Council the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:39 P.M.