

Bluff Town Council 2022 Tentative Budget Hearing Minutes

May 25, 2021

Bluff Community Center at 9:00 a.m.

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Regular meetings are held the first three Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Bluff Community Center.

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This meeting was held electronically.

The meeting started at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Jim Sayers, Linda Sosa, Brant Murray arriving later

### **Discussion of Proposed 2022 Tentative Budget**

Leppanen explained the 2022 budget hearing is happening before the 2021 amended budget hearing because of timing, it has to be held before the end of May. She has been adding the 2020 data, which is audited data, to the form by hand. The timeline is:

June 1<sup>st</sup> Amended 2021 Budget Hearing

June 8<sup>th</sup>, receive the certified tax rate from the County

June 15<sup>th</sup> vote to approve both budgets

Sayers motioned to keep the same property tax rate, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sayers and Sosa voted in favor.

Leppanen reported we have surplus funds of 220,000 to 230,000 going into 2022 and Jon Haderlie, our accountant, suggested it could go into Capital Projects or a PTIF savings account. This gives the Town a very stable cushion. This is helpful because we are still in negotiation to purchase the old elementary school, we will be receiving American Rescue Plan funds and we have added a bookkeeper and business manager to the budget. Sayers said it looked like a suitable budget. He asked if there were funds for repairs and maintenance for the community building as it is ageing...there are. He mentioned Tri-Hurst is coming to give a quote to fix the CC skylight. The budget includes paying the \$19,000 bill for incorporation. Michael Haviken is working on the Roads budget. He is looking at about \$53,000 for next year. He will come to the Council as projects come up for their approval. Jen asked about the TRT tax for economic development. Hook and Sosa explained it is a municipal tax that goes into the general fund and is used for general infrastructure. Leppanen suggested Hook, Sosa and Davila to meet and talk about the funds. The Town has waived the fees for the balloon festival and art festival when they made requests. Hook suggested \$30,000 be designated for people doing planning. Leppanen pointed out that no one has come forward with a proposal and Sosa said funds could be moved if needed but this is not appropriate. The budget will be further discussed at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Sayers motioned to adjourn at 9:48 a.m. and move into the Work Session, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Murray, Sayers, Hook and Sosa voted in favor. Linda Sosa Recording Officer

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