

Town of Pomona Park – Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 17, 2021(6:00 pm)

At the Town Hall for Council Members & Public

VIA Teleconference Call 1-888-204-5987 Access Code 3674654#

Meeting Started 6:02

Mayor Joseph Svingla presided. Council present Councilwoman CarrieAnn Evans, Councilwoman Lynda Linkswiler, Councilwoman Pat Mead, Councilman Bud Eckels, Councilman Dr. Warren (attended by phone), Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, Treasurer Kelly Krupski (attended by phone), Maintenance Supervisor Bruce Wolfred (attended by phone)

Absent Council Member Victor Szatkowski

Mayor Joseph Svingala led in the pledge to the flag. Along with a moment of silence.

Town Clerk Andrea read the correspondence list.

Minutes of the Council Meetings: The Mayor requested approval of minutes July 13, 2021. Councilwoman Evans made a motion to adopt, and Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion. Councilwoman Mead noted a typo on page 2 to be corrected. The Vote was unanimous.

Unfinished Business Including Committee Reports

Treasurer Kelly Krupski gave a review of financials.

Beautification-Councilwoman Linkswiler- No Meeting was held due to Covid

Tree Board- Councilwoman Mead-Meeting will be in September

No Guest Speakers

No Public Hearing Items

New Business

Bid for Auditor Discussion with a handout- only one bid was received. The firm was James Moore Certified Public Accountants and Consultants. Councilwoman Evans asked about pricing. The Town paid \$12,000 last year for Ron Moats. James Moore Consultants company quoted \$15,000 to meet the standards for Yellow Book accounting. Councilwoman Mead asked about a contract with this company, and it was suggested from the previous Auditor Ron Moats to have the RFP for three years. Attorney Craig Sherar is going to contact James Moore for a copy of the Contract.

Councilwoman Evans made a motion to accept the new auditor per the Contract that the attorney approves Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. **The motion passed five yeas 1 nay 1 absent.**

Resolution 2021-6 Food Trucks for Everybody's Having a Yard Sale- Put on Hold until the next meeting

Bank Interest Rates/ Services Fees- Treasurer Kelly reviewed the rates of local banks rates and fees. The Town has been being charged a ten-dollar fee for an additional user that Kelly has removed. No further questions.

MISC:

Mayor Joe Svingala requested the council reimburse the Town Clerk for her four hours of pay for the Florida League of Cities Conference.

Councilman Eckels made a motion to reimburse the Clerk for her four hours pay; Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

ARPA discussion the Town will be receiving \$420,000 over the next two years. This number is based on the 2020 budget. It was 75% of the budget. The federal government is covering how the funding can be spent. Some of the monies may go on items such as electric bills, food, rent assistance, and bringing on someone to tell us how to spend the ARPA funding. The Town will need to file every October to document the expenditure.

Budget Discussion:

Kelly explained the budget by the pages. Page 9 at the bottom is a rollup, meaning that excel uses a formula to put these numbers in. Once we have more numbers, these numbers will fill in. Moving on to page 10, the only holes you will see will be workers comp, reemployment, insurance. We are waiting on FLC to give us these numbers. Mayor Svingala asked about the numbers on the right. The numbers on the right are real numbers, what is actually being spent right now. Kelly explained that depending on what projects the council wants to do, it would be in go change in the different categories. **513.401, 513.551** travel and training & per diem categories are being increased for more training. 513.321 Auditing Code is being increased to cover the new auditor. Page 12 includes codes **521.341** Law Enforcement budgeted in for \$10,000. **522.461** has been moved up to \$13,000 to locate the gate valves for fire control. **529.341** Code Enforcement was moved up to \$25,000 for any code cases . The next page is 13- Road and Street Facilities. Bruce has reviewed this budget. Bruce requested a gator be added if possible. Page 14 is the Book Den, no changes in this category at this time. Parks and Recreation Category -Bruce has reviewed this budget. Numbers are around the same as last year. Page 15 covers Special Events and the Community Center. No changes are being made in the Special Events categories at this time. **575.651** had \$5,000 put in as it was requested to replace the steps at the community center. Page 16 Covers a wage survey for the surrounding areas. Bruce has suggested that Al receive a \$2 increase. He believes Carl and himself are maxed out. He presented the idea of bonus instead of a pay raise for Carl. Mayor Svingala suggested a Bonus of \$300 for all of the staff . Dr. Warren inquired about the Mayor's pay moving up to \$900. The date would not go into effect until January 2023. The consensus was that it does not need to go into this budget. Mayor Svingala stated that the Council pay needs to be talked about the next budget season. Mayor Svingala suggested \$1 pay increase for the Town Clerk and a \$1.50 for Treasurer. Councilwoman Evans recognized the hard work of the staff and suggested a performance bonus/appreciation bonus for the five full-time workers of

\$250. To be given at the end of the year. The Town Clerk brought up if we are to add Cell Phones to the budget. It was suggested to have four lines through a government contract, researched for next meeting. Councilman Dr. Warren suggested Tmobile.

Questions/Comments:

None

Upcoming Events:

Reviewed upcoming events, Budget Meeting Set for September 8, 2021

Councilwoman Evans made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm

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