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MINUTES BUDGET MEETING OF THE JEROME TOWN COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JEROME TOWN HALL TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019 AT 6:00 PM

<p>ITEM #1:</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p>Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Mayor Alex Barber called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.</i></p> <p>Town Clerk to call and record the roll.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher called the roll. Present were Mayor Barber, Vice Mayor Sage Harvey, and Councilmembers Mandy Worth, Jane Moore and Dr. Jack Dillenberg.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Other staff present were Melanie Atkin, Accounting, Marty Boland, Public Works Director, Rusty Blair, Fire Chief and Joni Savage, Deputy Clerk.</i></p> <p>Mayor/Chairperson or designee to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Mayor Barber led the pledge.</i></p>																																											
<p>6:02 (1:10)</p>	<p><i>Chief Blair and Mr. Boland were invited to speak prior to moving on to Item #2. They proposed an incentive for crew members and police officers to make extra money by joining the volunteer fire department and receiving applicable certifications. \$1.00 per hour for a Firefighter II or EMT certification was proposed. They felt that this may be a way to gain staffing while also providing more available responders for the fire department.</i></p> <p><i>It was agreed that \$6,000 would be included in the budget for this, and that Ms. Gallagher will work with Mr. Blair and Mr. Boland to draft a formal policy for approval by Council.</i></p>																																											
<p>ITEM #2: 6:22 (22:35)</p>	<p>STIPEND IN LIEU OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS</p> <p>Council will review information regarding offering a stipend to employees in lieu of providing health insurance benefits and may approve same.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Motion to Amend the Personnel Policy to Offer a Flat Rate Stipend to Anyone Opting out of Medical or Dental Coverage, Provided That They Have Additional Medical Coverage Available, at the rate of 50% of the Town's Average Cost of Single and Single+Spouse Coverage</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">COUNCILMEMBER</th> <th>MOVED</th> <th>SECONDED</th> <th>AYE</th> <th>NAY</th> <th>ABSENT</th> <th>ABSTAIN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BARBER</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>DILLENBERG</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HARVEY</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MOORE</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WORTH</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	BARBER			X				DILLENBERG		X	X				HARVEY	X		X				MOORE			X				WORTH			X			
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<p>ITEM #3: 6:35 (35:31)</p>	<p>2019-20 BUDGET</p> <p>Council will continue discussions regarding the 2019-20 budget, including but not limited to infrastructure improvements, capital purchases, and staffing, and may direct staff in that regard. Discussion may also include the purchase of parking kiosks and the potential buyback of property near the Sliding Jail.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Ms. Gallagher reviewed her memo (attached) and reported that we have received \$197,000 from the State as a one-time HURF distribution for streets and roads. This has not yet been included in the budget, and will reduce the amount of General Fund balance being utilized, making more available for use.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>During discussion, it was generally agreed that:</i></p>																																											



- \$50,000 will be included in the budget (moved from the contingency budget) for the buyback from the Historical Society of the parking lot and area near the Sliding Jail.
- \$25,000 will be included in the water budget (moved from the contingency budget) for the purchase of a water truck.
- School Street and Hull Road repairs will be added to the HURF budget (which already includes repairs to Center Street) using an estimate to be provided by Chief Blair and Mr. Boland.
- \$5,000 will be added to the Planning/Zoning budget to accommodate the possible need to increase the amount to be paid to the next Zoning Administrator.
- The Fire Chief's salary increase will be set at 6%.

Another budget meeting was scheduled for July 2 at 5 p.m. and will include review of the proposals received for parking kiosks. Chief Muma will be asked to attend to discuss enforcement in that regard.

Also discussed was a community garden, repairs to the School Street steps/access to Town Hall, progress with the Hotel Jerome and the status of the sewer treatment plant.

Lastly, Council reviewed a letter from the Chamber of Commerce recommending how the funds from the Tourism Tax should be used, and had no objections to the Chamber's recommendations.

ITEM #4: ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:45

COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
BARBER	X		X			
DILLENBERG			X			
HARVEY		X	X			
MOORE			X			
WORTH			X			

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Christina "Alex" Barber, Mayor

Candace B. Gallagher, CMC, Town Manager/Clerk

Date: _____