



TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS
"On the Bank of the Suwannee River"

MINUTES

BUDGET WORKSHOP 2021-22

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 – 7:00pm

Meeting began at 7:21pm

Members present: Mayor Anita Rivers, Councilmember Nicole Williams, Town Manager George, Councilmember Mary Berry, Administrative Assistant Cynethia Williams.
Absent: Councilmember Jacqueline Williams and LaRita McCallum.

HIGHLIGHTS - Council went through each line item with limited discussion

- Budget increased from last year mainly due to Covid-19
- Operational costs increased due to Covid-19
- No equipment rentals
- All grants are complete; No grants were applied during 2020, due to Covid-19
- Curt Construction – Paid in full
- New budget will began on October 1, 2021
- Any monies owed are posted in the 2020 budget.
- It is extremely important to account where all monies are coming from
- Discretionary sales taxes went down slightly
- The town receives \$3000 quarterly from Greenscape (\$12,000 annually)
- Funds raised by Fire Department will go into a special reserve fund.
- Golf Carts will no longer be inspected by the Police Department. The Administrative Clerk and Town Clerk will do inspections.
- Travel/Training will increase due to new employees
- Insurance increased due to salaries
- Salaries and wages went down from \$51,480 to \$46,600

- Police department was over \$200K annually, it is currently at \$110K; saving \$100K
- No Code Enforcement cost
- No animal control cost
- No Florida Retirement because the town has only 6 staff
- Kimley Horne account has been paid in full
- Raising the water and sewer rates; if the budget is not raised to 8.5% town will go bankrupt
- The town has 3 sewer loans over \$75K annually
- Salary increased for staff and council
- Ray Vaughn will be placed on salary

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR PURPOSE THAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS TO PARTICPATE IN THE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Town Manager,

Town Clerk or Designee

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