Dutton Town Council Special Budget Hearing & Meeting Minutes

Town Hall

11 Main Street West

September 26, 2022

**Present**

**Mayor:** Susan Fleshman **Councilpersons:** Bob Dauwalder, Pete Klein, Candace Ellsworth, and Pat Bayala **Public Works Director:** Jeremiah Kjensmo **Assistant Clerk:** Sayde Wallace

**Public:** None in attendance

**Public Hearing Opened**

Mayor Fleshman called the Budget Hearing on September 26,2022, to order at 7:02 pm.

**Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

**Budget Presentation**

Finance Officer Jeremiah Kjensmo presented the FY 2022-2023 budget to those in attendance. Councilwoman Ellsworth asked if the swimming pool revenue included the new levy numbers, Jeremiah explained that the levy is in a completely separate section of the budget. Councilman Klein asked about the Van Horn endowment with DA Davidson, and it was explained that the hope is to just let that money sit this year and hopefully recover some of its value. Councilwoman Bayala wanted to know if the mills were up this year compared to last year and the answer was yes, it is up from last year. Councilman Dauwalder was wondering what the $10,000 planned to be used in the sewer fund would be used for, Jeremiah told the Council that money would be used for professional services and upkeep.

**Public Hearing Closed**

Mayor Fleshman closed the Hearing at 7:42 pm.

**Regular Meeting**

The Mayor called the Special Budget Meeting to order at 7:43 pm.

Mayor Fleshman told the Council that this year we will be spending less money out of the sewer fund because there will be no sewer cleaning done, and that because the lift station pumps are new the possibility of having to replace them was low. If the pivot tracks need to be filled in this year, we will use the town tractor with the blade to fill them back in and that will be a large savings as well. She also informed the Council that if the parks electrical gets vandalized again, the Town will not repair it until Fun Day next year. Another step we will be taking is to make sure that the pool and bathrooms are well weatherized. These things will help the Town to save money in the Pool and Parks fund.

The last thing the Mayor talked about was the CD at Opportunity Bank, formerly Dutton State Bank, that is coming due in October. It has been decided that we will not put it back into a CD at this time. It will be deposited into the Town’s money market account,

**Budget Resolution (#579)**

Mayor Fleshman asked if there were any questions about the resolution. Councilwoman Bayala needed a bit of clarification on where some of the monetary values came from, Jeremiah then explained them. Mayor Fleshman asked for a Motion to accept Resolution 579 as the FY 22-23 budget. The motion was made by Councilman Klein and seconded by Councilwoman Bayala and passed unanimously.

**BARSAA Resolution (#580)**

Finance Officer Jeremiah Kjensmo told the council that BARSAA is another special gas tax but in order for the Town to receive the funds we have to approve a resolution so that we can accept the monies. Mayor Fleshman asked if there was a motion to approve Resolution 580. Councilman Dauwalder made the motion and Councilwoman Ellsworth seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

**Adjourn**

The Mayor Adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm

