



## Edgewood City Council Special Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 9, 2020

### Call to Order

Council President Horn called the Edgewood City Council special meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He asked for a moment of silence, followed by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Deputy City Clerk Riffle announced a quorum with five Council Members present.

#### Attendees

John Dowless, Mayor  
Richard Alan Horn, Council President  
Ben Pierce, Council President Pro-Tem  
Lee Chotas, Council Member  
Chris Rader, Council Member  
Susan Lomas, Council Member

#### Staff

Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk  
Sandra Riffle, Deputy City Clerk  
John Freeburg, Police Chief  
Shannon Patterson, Police Department Chief of Staff  
City Attorney, Patrick Brackins

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### Ordinance 2020-04 Tentative Millage Levy and Tentative Budget

City Clerk Meeks read Ordinance 2020-04 in title only.

In response to Council Member Chotas, City Clerk Meeks said that, according to TRIM, this meeting is to set the tentative millage rate and budget. The second and final reading will be on September 15, 2020. City Attorney Brackins added that this is tentative because it can be changed at the next meeting.

In response to Council Member Pierce, City Clerk Meeks said for the past few years there has been a decrease in revenues from the State for the Communication Services Tax (CST). In response to Council President Horn, City Clerk Meeks said this will ultimately affect the budget. City Clerk Meeks added that due to Covid-19, there is less tourism and less spending.

Council Member Lomas noted that the City knew this was coming and allowed for that in the budget. City Clerk Meeks said that the budget's revenues were provided to the City by the State, and the amounts given is what is in the budget. She said she used the guaranteed amount for the Municipal Revenue Shares, instead of the estimated amount.

In response to Council Member Pierce, City Clerk Meeks said that she spoke with the Tammy Campbell at McDirmot Davis about the \$100,000 transfer from roads and streets. There were transfers from the general fund balance and roads and streets fund balance. Most of what was transferred from the general fund was put into roads and streets. City Clerk Meeks said that it is shown as a transfer in the TRIM ad, and keeps the City in compliance.

In response to Council Member Chotas, City Clerk Meeks said that after checking with City Accountant Campbell, there will be approximately \$3.3 million in reserves at the end of the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

There was no public comment.

***Council Member Pierce made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-04, setting the City of Edgewood's millage rate for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 at 5.25 mills, which represents a 6.02 percent increase of the roll-back rate of 4.9518 mills, second by Council Member Lomas. The motion passed (5/0).***

A roll call vote was taken.

Council President Pro-Tem Pierce	Favor
Council Member Lomas	Favor
Council Member Horn	Favor
Council Member Chotas	Favor
Council Member Rader	Favor

#### **Public Hearing/Adoption of the Tentative Millage Rate -- FY 2020/2021**

City Clerk Meeks read Resolution 2020-03 in title only. She said that total revenues and expenditures are \$4,853,065.00.

There was no public comment.

***Council Member Pierce made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-03, a Resolution adopting the tentative budget and confirming the date of the second public hearing for Fiscal Year 2020/2021; second by Council Member Rader. The motion passed (5/0).***

A roll call vote was taken.

Council Member Horn	Favor
Council Member Lomas	Favor
Council President Pro-Tem Pierce	Favor
Council Member Chotas	Favor
Council Member Rader	Favor

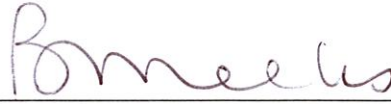
City Clerk Bea said that the final hearing would be September 15, 2020, at 6:30 pm. She reminded Council Members that there needs to be four favorable votes at the Council meeting to pass the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

*At 6:46 pm, Council Member Chotas motioned to adjourn the meeting; second by Council Member Lomas. The motion passed (5/0).*



Richard A Horn  
Council President



Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO  
City Clerk

*Approved in October 20, 2020 Council meeting.*