

PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020
HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE
5:30 P.M.

The public hearing was started at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Dean Hetrick, Council Members Rosalinda Lopez, Bernardino Cruz, Thomas Lagunas, and Enrique Lopez

Not Present: Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith

Staff: General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, and Finance Director Teresa Williams

Audience: Mrs. Vicky O'Brien, and Mr. Angus Sallis

Consideration of increasing water, sewer, and garbage rates, all fees associated with the cemetery, golf fees including golf passes, golf cart storage, golf cart rentals, RV space daily and monthly fees, rental fees for ramadas and the clubhouse at the golf course and senior center effective July 1, 2020

FY 2021 property tax levy, truth in taxation and proposed budget

Finance Director Williams explained that the town complied with the State Law requirements for posting 60 days for rate increases, publication and public hearing must be 30 days prior to the rates being increased. The FY 2021 Budget is \$6315,000. Tax rate is \$8.50 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Mrs. O'Brien asked if the increases were due to the budget situation. Mayor Hetrick advised her that for years in the past the rates were never increased, and they should have been. The town has had to subsidize the amounts not collected by the customers. Mr. Sallis asked if the town tried to obtain some of the stimulus monies for small businesses. Mayor Hetrick informed Mr. Sallis that the town did apply for the CARES funding for Public Safety and the town will be receiving \$72,000. Mr. Sallis asked about the street paving that is being done in town. Mayor Hetrick told him that the money being used is a one-time amount given by the state and the money had to be used for roads, it could not be used for anything else. Mr. Sallis asked about the golf course and if he is paying for the golf course. Mayor Hetrick told him that the town only has one employee working at the golf course and the other workers you see at the golf course are volunteers that are helping. Mr. Sallis asked if a survey has been done to find out how many homes are in Hayden and how many are on a fixed income that cannot afford to pay higher utility bills. He suggested maybe picking up garbage once a week. General Superintendent Cruz told Mr. Sallis that the town picks up garbage twice a week but only makes one trip to the land fill. Mrs. O'Brien told the council that she knows they care about the town and she felt better coming to the meeting to find out why the increases are necessary. Mayor

Hetrick thanked Mr. Sallis and Mrs. O'Brien for coming to the Public Hearing. He would like to see more of the residents come to council meetings.

The Public Hearing ended at 6:02 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town Council held a Public Hearing on the 1st day of June 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

6-15-20
Date



Laura E. Romero, Town Clerk