

FINAL BUDGET HEARING MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2017

Mayor LaCascia reconvened the Public Hearing from September 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Wanda Harris, Commissioner Mike Blethen, Commissioner Don Kimsey, Commissioner Randy Carroll and City Manager Patricia Jackson

Absent: City Attorney Thomas Cloud

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing – ORDINANCE 2017-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF POLK CITY OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE (TENTATIVE/FINAL) LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR POLK CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, second reading

City Manager Jackson read Ordinance 2017-02 in its entirety. The rollback rate computed for Polk City for FY 2017-2018 is 7.4877 mills; therefore, the percentage by which the above specified final millage rate to be levied by Polk City is zero percent of the roll back rate.

Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing; there being no questions or comments, Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Harris to approve Ordinance 2017-02; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Kimsey.

Vote: Commissioner Carroll-aye, Commissioner Blethen-aye, Vice Mayor Harris-aye, Commissioner Kimsey-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – ORDINANCE 2017-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF POLK CITY OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE (TENTATIVE/FINAL) BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018, PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, second reading.

City Manager Jackson read from Ordinance 2017-03; the total budget is \$4,493,300.

Mayor LaCascia opened the public hearing.

- 1) Laura Lambert (No address given) – Question regarding FY 2016-17 Budget amounts and the potential property purchase for a Public Works Building.

City Manager responded with budget figures. Budget for the Enterprise Fund was \$2,162,385.00 and the General Fund was \$1,973,486.00. FY 2017-18 Budget is an 8.64% increase.

The annual amount budgeted is \$28,500 in the event the City decides to finance the project. This is based on numbers from the previous contract, with a \$70,000 down payment and financing \$350,000 which was the contract price. This was placed in the budget because the City Commission still has to make a decision on this project. It was already determined there is a need for a Public Works Facility. The Commission will need to decide if Polk City will build on its own property or purchase pre-existing property. The money is in the budget just in case.

- 2) Sandra Cutts (315 Central Avenue) – Discussion regarding variances, and storage units.

City Manager Jackson stated a copy of the Budget was available for review.

Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Harris to approve Ordinance 2017-03; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Kimsey.

Commissioner Blethen discussed the budget, focusing on Debt Service. He is not in agreement with the budget.

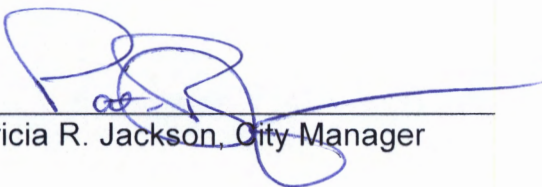
Vice Mayor Harris reiterated the citizens need to come to City Commission meetings and come directly to the City Manager for information rather than getting the second hand information which most times is not accurate.

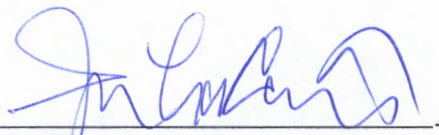
Vote: Commissioner Blethen–nay; Vice Mayor Harris–aye; Commissioner Kimsey–aye; Commissioner Carroll-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye

Motion carried 4/1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

Adjournment – 7:25 pm


Patricia R. Jackson, City Manager


Joe LaCascia, Mayor