

TOWN OF WESTOVER HILLS

MINUTES

**Town Council Special Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2015**

Present:

Mayor Stephen L. Tatum
Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Thompson
Council Member John Thompson III
Council Member Marcus Snyder
Council Member Jack Koslow
Council Member Elliot Goldman

Staff Present:

Lyle Dresher, Town Administrator
Penny Spikes, Town Secretary
David Burgess, Police Chief
Tim Chambers, Public Works Director

The Special meeting of the Town of Westover Hills Town Council commenced at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 3, 2015, at the Westover Hills Town Hall pursuant to written notice posted Friday, August 28, 2015.

1. Call To Order.

With a quorum of Town Council Members present, Mayor Stephen Tatum called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. The Town Council will conduct a closed meeting in order to:

- a. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, re-assignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the State of Texas Government Code – Position of the Town Administrator.** Executive session convened at 6:03 P.M.

B. Reconvene to Open Regular Session. Reconvened to Open Session at 6:32 P.M.

3. Take any action, if necessary, resulting from the Executive Session.

No action taken.

4. Review and discuss the proposed FY 2015-2016 Annual Budget in advance of the Public Hearing scheduled for September 15, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Thompson presented the draft of the FY 2015-2016 Annual Budget. The tax rate decreased modestly from the rate in the Town Administrator's proposed budget to reflect the same tax rate levied for the current fiscal year (\$0.347400/\$100). Even though significant capital projects are proposed to be funded from both the General and Utility Fund, both Funds reflect positive surplus (cash) balances. The General Fund reimbursement from the Water (Utility) Fund was increased from \$10,000 to \$17666.66 per month.

Extra sanitation bag charges were modified to allow 24 bags per resident per week for Monday, Wednesday and Friday solid waste pickup in lieu of the previous method of charging extra for anything over 8 per day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Additional bags over the 24 allotted will be billed at \$0.50 for the first 12 and \$1.00 for all additional bags. Bags collected from residences on Tuesday and Thursday brush pickup will continue to be considered extra bags and billed accordingly.

Chief Burgess explained that the new detective position for the Police Department was necessary to not only relieve the Chief of Police from CID functions increasing criminal investigation focus as needed but also providing support for the new Town security camera system, assist with the increasing State police reporting requirements, provide video maintenance (for vehicles and security), and certain fleet maintenance functions. Additional manpower provides opportunity for the Chief to perform and focus on department management and administration as well as results in an increase in daily on-street patrol. Council Member John Thompson declared his support for the detective position, followed by Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Thompson and Council Member Elliot Goldman. It was recommended that the Detective position and additional Police Department vehicle would remain in the budget.

Council Member Marcus Snyder suggested the water rates be increased from \$4.50 per 1000 gallons to \$4.65 per 1000 gallons and sewer rates increase from \$2.50 per 1000 gallons of usage to \$2.65 per 1000 gallons of usage to pass through the gradual rate increases by the City of Fort Worth. Council Member Jack Koslow agreed additional revenue will need to be generated to support necessary water and sewer capital expenditure projects.

Kevin Stadler, 40 Valley Ridge Road, addressed Council with his concerns regarding the condition and settling of Valley Ridge Road. Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Thompson proposed employing Baird, Hampton & Brown Engineering to drill/bore an additional six holes to analyze the condition of the soil on Valley Ridge Road bordering Mr. Stadler's residence.

An additional capital project in the Utility Fund to convert to and install smart (water) meters in two segments, half of the installation to be completed in FY 2015-2016 and the remaining will be installed in FY 2016-2017 at approximately \$39,500 per fiscal year to complete. The \$26,500 proposed for a new Water Department vehicle was removed from the budget.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the September Council meeting was rescheduled for Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

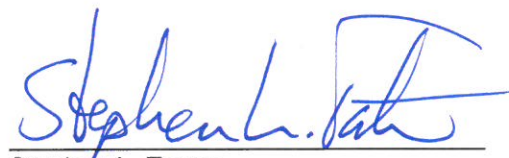
5. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Tatum adjourned the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

Approved:



Penny Spikes
Town Secretary



Stephen L. Tatum
Mayor