

**Budget Meeting**  
**Hawksbill Recreation Park**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

Mayor Michael Knight opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the following Council members in attendance: Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger, Councilman Duane Layman, Councilman Jeremiah Knight, and Councilman Joseph Mauck. Also attending the meeting were as follows: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Town Treasurer Leon Stout, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Park Manager Teri Beers, Hawksbill Pool Employee Brenda Higgs, and Jonathan Heishman from Lane Technologies.

Mayor Knight gave the invocation and Vice-Mayor Stoneberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Pettit noted that Leon Stout needs to be appointed Temporary Clerk. Vice-Mayor Stoneberger motioned for Leon Stout to be appointed Temporary Clerk and seconded by Councilman Layman, passed unanimously.

Jonathan Heishman from Lane Technologies was present to give a description of the work that needs to be done to repair the Hawksbill Pool bathrooms. Mr. Heishman introduced himself and informed the council of the various jobs that his company could complete. Mr. Heishman described how he could fix the floor and recoat with epoxy. Mr. Heishman led the council to the bathrooms and described in detail of what needed to be repaired and how he would accomplish the job. Mr. Heishman noted he would send a quote to the Town in a few days.

Treasurer Stout handed out the prospective budget to the Council and noted the budget included a \$2.00 raise on all water customers and a 2 cent raise for real estate taxes. The Budget also includes all the items that was requested for expenses in the previous budget meeting which included boundary line annexation, a recreation director, splash pad, and raises for Public Works. Also was included was 2 percent raise for all other employee and an increase of \$33.00 dollars for each employee per month for health insurance.

Pool Manager Teri Beers and Pool Employee Brenda Higgs noted to the council that the pool operated well last year and not much changes were needed. They were looking at changing around the counters to better suit the pool operations, but they would evaluate it during the upcoming pool season. They also noted that an increase in pool admissions may be needed to help fund the upcoming addition of the splash pad. They did research and there are other pools that charge more then we do. They handed out a description of the increased fees.

Police Chief Dean noted to the Council that his department didn't need a whole lot. He would though, still ask about Leos. He stated that it is hard to keep or hire police officers because they are looking for place of work that have the LEOS program. He also noted that we will not

have to put money in the budget for a new radio system the County is putting in this year, but we will have to in the 2021-2022 budget. He does believe that the estimated cost to the Town would be about \$60,000.00 and that the county would allow the Town to make payments each year.

The Council discussed the budget and they decided that they had not had a raise for the Mayor and Council for years and they would like to see the salaries raised from \$125.00 to \$175.00 for the Mayor and from \$100.00 to \$150.00 for the Council.

Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm motioned by Councilman Knight and seconded by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger, passed unanimously.

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Michael Knight, Mayor

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Leon Stout, Temporary Clerk