

MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
32 WEST AVENUE
February 28, 2023 @ 3:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reddington called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Present: Council Members Colleen Twardzik by Zoom, Don Walsh, Tom Maly. Town Manager Carol Houck, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Planning, Zoning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Jerrad Steele and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present. Town Solicitor Veronica Faust was not present.

2. ADOPTION of Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

3. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Consideration on Presentation of the Proposed FY24 Operating Budget, 5 Year Capital Improvements Budget and the Water Budget. (Parks)

Mrs. Houck offered a power-point presentation to the Council and those present that showed a balanced budget and no tax rate increase. The proposed cost of living is 6.39% for employees except for town manager and the police chief who will receive a 2.893% increase. Mrs. Houck outlined the need for summer help in the police department and code department. She outlined some changes in the fee schedule for FY2024. The budget summary includes the operating budget, the capital program, and the water budget. She had included projection charts, historical tax rate information, local town comparisons, and expense projection.

5. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE

Mr. Dave Rogerson, Woodland Park, questioned what the town get money from Mediacom for. Mrs. Houck replied that they have franchise agreement with the town that pays us 5% of cable tv revenue. It does not include internet. She also noted that Comcast is coming to Ocean View, she just doesn't know exactly when.

Mr. Randy Robust, Country Estates, also comment on Mediacom and the number of internet outages they have. People need a better product.

6. COUNCIL TO PROVIDE DIRECTION

Mayor Reddington recommended that the proposed budget move forward as presented. It was also decided that a March 28th workshop would not be needed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Maly, to adjourn the meeting at 3:39pm. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Schwartz, MMC,
Town Clerk