

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, August 12, 2013

Attendance:

Present:

David Reese, Town Council President
Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
Steve Moss, Town Council Member
Fritz French, Town Council Member
Scott Preston, Town Council Member

Absent:

Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney

Others present:

Dick Dickinson
Gene Scott
Patty Hefner

Agenda and discussion:

- 1 . Mr. Reese called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. A quorum was reached with four council members present.
2. S. Preston moved that the minutes of June 10, 2013 be adopted as written, it was seconded by S. Moss and unanimously adopted.
3. D. Reese followed up on action items from the last meeting.
 - 2013 property tax letters. R. Parrin mailed to all property owners. No comments at present.
 - Fire hydrant renovation. S. Moss contacted Citizens Energy Group for action. Requires follow-up.
 - Guidelines for Town ordinances. E. Townsend absent. Follow up at October meeting.
4. A. Kasper briefed the group on public safety. Meridian Hills continues to experience theft of copper guttering. Also, Al expects to bring on another deputy to replace A. Jacobs.
5. R. Parrin reported on Town finances as of June 30, 2013 as well as a second half 2013 estimate. With prudent cash management we should be able to fund Town business through the end of the year using non-property tax revenues and loaning funds from the Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund. These loans will be repaid to the RDF next year on receipt of a property tax anticipation loan in January.

6. Steve Moss was commended by the Council on the July newsletter.
7. P. Hefner advised the Council that she did an area walk-through with the Town landscaper and trimmed some growth on corners where the traffic line of sight was blacked. Also, 81st and College was trimmed by the City. Residents with corner properties are urged to keep growth trimmed. R. Parrin advised that the first of the new traffic control signage will be installed Tuesday, August 20. As some of the signs will be located farther from the street to better comply with DOT recommendations, further trimming may be required.
8. R. Dickinson advised that E. Houck has 25 copies of the History of the Town of Williams Creek which are available to residents. In addition, a page has been added to the Town web site with information about ordering the publication.
9. S. Moss is making good progress on combining various sources of resident contact information into one database. He provided each Council members with a list of residents and asked that they verify the information and obtain any missing items, especially email addresses.
10. D. Reese briefed the Council on two storm water drainage issues in Town. R. Parrin advised that he met with the City's storm water chief engineer to determine corrective action at 80th and Morningside and subsequently informed him of the issue at 155 Forest. R. Parrin will follow up at a Wednesday meeting with this individual. In the meantime, E. Townsend has made contact with other city officials on the subject.
12. S. Preston confirmed the date for the Town 80th Anniversary celebration for Monday, September 16. It will be held at the Hollyhock Hill. S. Preston will develop and mail invitations to all residents in the coming week.
13. R. Parrin briefed the Council on the 2014 budget process. He met with the DLGF to make sure that next year's budget correctly reflects the special property tax assessment from 2013. In addition, the full amount of the 2013 tax receipts will be borrowed in early January 2014. This debt will be repaid when these tax funds are received from the Spring tax billing by the County. Including this new temporary debt service, the total budget is \$211,463.

In support of this budget process, the Council unanimously passed an appropriation resolution for spending requirements during the last half of FY2013. Also, it was agreed that the initial hearing for the budget will be Monday, September 23 with the adoption at the regular meeting October 14. It will be advertised accordingly.

There being no further business, F. French made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Moss. D. Reese adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer