

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 05/05/2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL 6:00 PM: Bob Flake, Lynn Johnson, Byron Lewis, Cory Johnson, Greg Brimhall; excused: Kerry Ballard, Allison Perkins; Staff: Brian Richards, Katie Melser

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of FY21 Budget

Brian presented some preliminary numbers, but they're from before COVID-19 so the numbers will be somewhat lower than projected, especially in the sales tax revenues. Local sales tax is definitely going to be lower because our number one sales tax from auto sales is about 60% lower. He wants to budget next year for about the same to account for the possible losses from COVID-19. 2% raise in wages across the board except for a few people that are set at their highest rate before retirement. Insurance is changing a little, we have to contribute to our employee's HSA accounts, but employee rates are going up too. By the next council meeting he'll have a tentative budget for the council to approve. Our policy is to be fully funded for our Public Safety Retirement System by 2037. Golf Course budgeting: subsidizing half a million a year now, in 3 years wants to be only subsidizing \$300,000 per year. We can pay cash out for carts, but we can lease it at not much higher of a rate with the interest.

Cory- How much cash do we have? Brian \$3.4 million

Brian likes to budget conservatively, sharing services with Taylor helps save money. The economy picked up a little bit.

Cory- What percent of our budget is shared services?

Brian- estimates 60%; we've talked about adding Parks to shared services, to go back to being Recreation and Parks again. It doesn't really make sense to share Public Works because our water/sewer systems are different than Taylor's and the streets would be too messy, as well, since those are obviously separate.

Brian- Waiting on the CDBG grants to begin but they're getting close, and we're still waiting to hear back on the sewer system grant because it's competitive across the state. Other projects like the fire station/school flooding issue is getting close to starting and Northern Solution is nearing completion.

Trails budget next year around \$50,000. Weed remediation is important. Park bench for the top of the hill.

B. Discussion of Development Agreement for Snowflake ACE Hardware

Brian- Terril Kay has really improved all the areas of business he's in. He's adding a 4,000 sq. ft. building and remodeling the face of the existing building. ACE tells him that he can get a 15% bump in sales for making improvements. We have to hire a consulting company to do a feasibility study that follows state law and also put notice in the paper. This sends a message to other businesses that we are pro business. This would be a win-win, we aren't giving up anything that we aren't already getting.

3. ADJOURNMENT 6:50 pm