Town of Elkton
Public Hearing
Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget
June 1, 2020
6:45 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Elkton Area Community Center, located at 20593 Blue & Gold Drive, Elkton, to receive comments regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget as follows:

EXPENSES BY DEPT.	**FY 2020/2021 Proposed**	**REVENUES BY DEPT.**	**FY 2020/2021 Proposed**
General Government Admin.	$1,213,215.00	General Government	$2,640,188.00
Community Center	$436,413.00	Electric	$2,062,000.00
Street Maintenance	$511,282.00	Water	$475,000.00
Garbage	$209,474.00	Sewer	$1,749,000.00
Recreation	$120,765.00	Cemetery	$23,000.00
Police	$655,758.00		
Electric	$1,866,825.00		
Water	$365,290.80		
Sewer	$1,470,820.20		
Cemetery	$99,345.00		
Total Expenses	**$6,949,188.00**	**Total Revenues**	**$6,949,188.00**

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Total Expenses	$6,949,188.00
	Budget Balance 0.00

PUBLIC HEARING

Present: Mayor Joshua J. Gooden, Vice-Mayor Randell Snow, Council Member Margaretta Isom, Council Member Heidi Zander, Council Member Louis Heidel, Council Member Jay Dean, and Council Member Steve America.

Also Present: Town Manager Greg Lunsford, and Town Attorney Nathan H. Miller.

Present Electronically: Chief of Police David Harris, Public Works Director Troy Shifflett, Project Director Gaither Hurt, Recreation Director Diane Johnson, Community Development Director Delores Hammer, Town Treasurer Clairen Sipe, and Clerk of Council Denise Monger.

Mayor Gooden opened the public hearing.

Mr. Lunsford briefly discussed the budget process and hard work by the Finance Committee and Treasurer Sipe. He noted that operating costs were reduced by 8% or over $500,000. He noted that the Town saved $1.4 million on the cost of the wastewater treatment plant project due to low bids.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Printz, 330 Washington, Elkton, read the following statement:

Mr. Town manager, Town attorney, staff and council:

"I have just a few comments about the 20/21 budget. First and foremost there is no reflection of the cost, loan payments or other expenditures related to the approximately $ 1.5 million borrowed over 20 years or the $6000 a month payment associated with the refurbishment of the beautiful Jennings house and precious civil war monument to history that is being decimated from a historic perspective. I have stated this before that this was trickery and a slide

of the hand election stunt by some to make sure the citizens are deliberately kept uninformed regarding the irresponsible borrowing of about $1.5 million and payment of $6000 a month during this serious pandemic. The was devastating socially and financially.

This delayed payment in my opinion was fabricated by some to avoid retaliation by the citizens at election time and to provide maximum political benefit to the Mayor and his supporters at the expense of the citizens. Also regarding this 20/21 budget there was no attempt to recuperate the tens of thousands of dollars the previous town manager illicitly spent therefor forcing spending funds from the refinancing of loans of approximately "$800k " from the U.S.D.A. on labor and other categories in the new budget. These funds derived from the refinancing and absence of future payments was to be used to partially offset payments on the loan from the U.S.D.A. reducing future utility increases on our families.

There is now almost $2 million in salaries also because the last town manager gave irresponsible raises. We have the best employees there are but we as a town have limitations. Percentage raises which will mount up as they are showing now in this budget and will eventually have unforeseen consequences and tax increases and possibly hurt employees as to future compensation.

Lastly I see the town is having a public hearing before enacting the new budget, it is interesting that this chronological order was not followed for borrowing the money for the Jennings house. The town committed to borrowing then had a public hearing at a later date. Probably just an oversight.

I appreciate the town manager, the treasurer and some of the council's hard work on this budget and keeping an eye on the town's finances. Thank you Former Mayor Printz"

With no additional speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor: Joshua J. Gooden
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Recorder: Denise R. Monger
Denise R. Monger, Clerk