

TOWN OF DALLAS
MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MAY 21, 2018
5:00 PM

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Coleman, Alderwoman Thomas, Alderman Huggins, Alderman Withers, Alderman Cearley, and Alderwoman Morrow.

The following staff members were present: Maria Stroupe, Town Manager; Da'Sha Leach, Town Clerk; Allen Scott, Police Chief; Doug Huffman, Electric Director; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; Jonathan Newton, Finance Director; Steve Lambert, Fire Chief, and Steven Aloisa, Recreation Director. Tom Hunn, Town Attorney and Tiffany Faro, Development Services Director were absent.

Mayor Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. He opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Coleman asked if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. Alderwoman Thomas made a motion to set the agenda, seconded by Alderman Withers, and carried unanimously.

New Business:

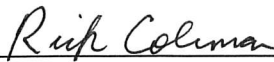
Item 3A was a discussion regarding Facebook Policy/Disclaimer Statement. The Town is working on publishing a Facebook page to provide another avenue of communication to the community. The page will be used to publish matters of public interest. The Board discussed some elements of Facebook and the public comment postings. Training for staff has been scheduled and the Town Facebook page is expected to go live in mid-June. This item will be on the consent agenda for the June 11th Regular Meeting. (Exhibit A) The trainer will also work on the Smart Board to get it back operational.

Item 3B was a discussion of the draft budget for the Town's Fiscal Year 2018-19. Town Manager Stroupe went over the highlights on the proposed budget. The Board discussed items with staff to gain clarity and recommended changes. The proposal for work at Jagers Park and Cloninger Park was postponed until mid-year in the upcoming fiscal year. The budget hearing will be set for June 11th Regular Board Meeting. This item will be a Public Hearing and the Town will advertise per statute requirements before the meeting. (Exhibit B)

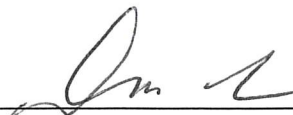
Manager's Report:

Manager gave updates and information to the Board. The Work Session Meeting on June 25th 2018 will be changed into a Special Meeting so the Board can vote on a public hearing for a downtown Development Project Agreement. This public hearing allows the public to hear the information presented and have the opportunity to ask questions, make comments, and/or address any concerns. The public hearing will be advertised per general statute guidelines.

Alderwoman Morrow made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Cearley, and carried unanimously. **(6:28)**



Rick Coleman, Mayor



Da'Sha Leach, Town Clerk



Facebook Disclaimer Statement/Policy

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You may submit your questions and comments in response to our posts; however, please note this is a moderated site and the following policy is in effect:

The Town reserves the right to delete submissions that contain: (i) vulgar language; (ii) personal attacks of any kind; (iii) offensive or inflammatory comments that target or disparage any person or entity, including ethnic, racial, or religious groups; (iv) posts which are not in the public interest; and

Further, the Town also reserves the right to delete comments that are: (i) spam or include links to other sites; (ii) clearly off topic; (iii) advocate illegal activity; (iv) promote particular services, products, or political organizations; (v) infringe on copyrights or trademarks; (vi) are requests for services; (vii) include personal identifying information such as home addresses, phone numbers, or personal email addresses; or (viii) use personally identifiable medical information; we strongly recommend you not share any of your medical information on our Facebook Pages.

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Fiscal-Year 2018-2019
TOWN OF DALLAS

Budget Highlights

Total Proposed Budget: \$16,432,725

Organization-Wide Overview:

- **Employment:** This Budget proposes three additional positions; three full-time Firefighters in the Fire Department. The Town has applied for the SAFER grant for fire personnel in an effort to move toward a combination Fire Department with Full-Time and Volunteer Firefighters
- **Salaries & Wages:** This Budget provides for a staggered 2-4% Across-the-Board Wage Increase for all Town employees based upon years of service.

General Fund - \$3,896,716

We are proposing NO increase in the property tax levy, from the current 40-cent per \$100.00 valuation. Currently, the motor vehicle fee is \$5.00 per vehicle. We are proposing to raise this to \$10.00 per vehicle.

Water/Sewer Fund - \$2,990,984

This Budget proposes NO Increases to Water & Sewer rates.

Electric Fund - \$9,407,597

NO REQUESTED RATE INCREASE – *which, if approved, will mean that for a 7 ½-year period, from January 1, 2012 (the last date we raised retail electric rates to our customers) through at least June 30, 2019, we will have refrained from any rate increases even though we have, in turn, absorbed multiple, wholesale increases in the rate we pay Duke Energy for our purchased power.*

Storm Water Fund - \$137,428

We are proposing a 25¢ increase in the per unit rate to \$3.10 per unit from \$2.85 per unit.