

Town of Ogden Dunes
Town Council Budget Workshop
August 22, 2011
6:00 pm Town Hall

Meeting called to order

Roll Call: Connie Collins, Brad Wood, Bill Gregory, Eric Haussman, Eric Kurtz / all present

Budget Workshop:

Introduction of Budget Ordinance #755 (form 1) was presented to the council. Clerk Treasurer asked the council if they were considering giving raises to the employees this year. She explained the new process this year that everything has to be sent electronically, that includes the salary ordinance. Normally we did not have to pass the ordinance until the end of the year. Councilman Kurtz stated that was only for their records and according to the law the ordinance does not have to pass until the end of the year. The council agreed that a 2% increase in salaries should be included for the year of 2012. Councilman Kurtz read the budget by appropriation line. Some changes were to be made and noted by the Clerk Treasurer. He also said that we will have to apply for an additional appropriation before the year ends for the Street Department. The council asked that the Clerk Treasurer look into what we can expect in insurance costs for the year of 2012 from Anton. Motion was made by Councilman Kurtz to approve the budget as first reading by title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor of accepting the proposed budget.

Town capital/maintenance projects:

President Gregory stated that I believe it is not the will of the community to go forward with community/firehouse project. We did a first reading at the last meeting on the bond issue and my proposal is that we should not go forward and do a second reading. That building still needs work. Councilman Kurtz asked if we could go forward on the bond issue and deal with some facts. Actually before we had our meeting I contacted the Porter County Auditor's office gave me basically a circuit breaker analysis we have 866 parcels of property within the town limits and the assess valuation is just over one hundred and three million dollars. The improvement in Ogden Dunes is just over one hundred and forty million dollars and we have 85 million in deductions. He went on to explain of where all the money is divided into. Giving background so everyone will understand. President Gregory went on to explain what he had come up with. He said to replace the roof \$45,000, mold \$28,000, Septic system \$12,500, Air conditioning \$28,000, Masonary & tuck pointing repair \$12,000, Painting \$7,000, relocate gas line \$1,000, windows and door replacement \$13,000, and remodel allowance \$3,500. Councilwoman Collins does not want to take decision tonight. President Gregory said it will be moved to the September meeting. Councilman Kurtz spoke about how long the firehouse has been in need of repair and felt it was this councils responsibility to do something.

Luke Brennan commented that it is time to take action now.

Bob Hicks how disappointed he is at what happened at this meeting and what will be discussed at the September meeting. Residents do not trust this council. Nothing has ever been discussed at a budget meeting.

Ed Rooks said that this council needs to come to the realization that we cannot afford this. The people are upset. Can we not send out letters, a \$150,000 is a lot of money.

Councilman Haussman said we did provide letters for an invite to come down and see what they had put together.

Bob Hicks said in 2009 there was a price of \$50,000.

President Gregory the last thing I have been is trustworthy and I am not a back door weasel. We will talk to everyone at the September meeting, four years is to long and we will not put out a second letter.

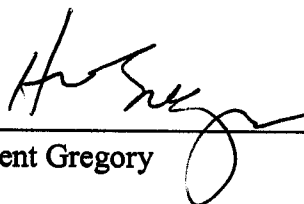
Councilman Kurtz appoint Bill Gregory and Nancy Johnson to the common wage committee.

Discussion went back and forth on the common wage committee with explanation of how it works.

President Gregory asked the Clerk Treasurer to advertise the special meeting on August 25th at 6 pm at the town hall to appoint the people to the common wage council. Please spread the word to come to the September 6th for discussion of the bond issue and firehouse.

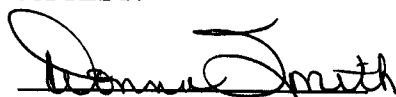
Karel Kearn \$800,000 was not part of the plan of the task force.

Councilman Kurtz motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor meeting was adjourned.



President Gregory

ATTEST:



Donna Smith Clerk Treasurer