

Minutes
Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
June 11, 2020 / 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance were Ruby Foster, Richard Schmidt, Laurie Searle, Alan Merrill, and Troy Bettis. All members were present.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Bettis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mayor Reed read the rules for the public hearing.

1. **Item 20-013:** Public Hearing and Action on an Ordinance to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for Each Fund of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia Appropriating the Amounts Shown in Each Budget as Expenditures, Adopting the Several Items of Revenue Anticipations, Prohibiting Expenditures to Exceed Appropriations, and Prohibiting Expenditures to Exceed Actual Funding Available.

City Manager Robbie Rokovitz presented the item. The total budget is \$5,187,203 including reserves. He said the final Statement of Revenues and Expenditures before the Mayor and Council had been updated since packets were distributed.

Mayor Reed opened the public hearing.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Reed closed the public hearing.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 20-013. Councilmember Searle made a motion to approve Item No. 20-013 with the amendment that \$2,000 per Councilmember of would be budgeted from contingency funds for district meetings. Councilmember Foster seconded.

Councilmember Merrill said this was a tough budget to put together because of the COVID virus and its impact on the economy. Because of the uncertainty, department heads were asked to cut all capital spending from their budgets. He said that is a big limitation and urged staff to let the Mayor and Council know if any capital needs arise throughout the

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year. He does not want to see the city fall behind in technology and the safety of the employees is paramount.

Mayor Reed said we budget very conservatively, and we always go over the revenue targets and always come in under expenses. The spread between those two gets rolled into capital so this budget does have money in it that will trickle out to cap ex. Given the current circumstances, how much is hard to predict. As the picture becomes more clear, there will be additional spending. The last thing he wants to do is ever get into a position of having to cut the operating budget.

Councilmember Schmidt said another thing to mention was that over the last 5-6 years, we have been able to buy new equipment with warranties. When something like this happens, we are not operating the city on old equipment. If you plan for disaster and one day it happens, you are fine. And the city has been able to do that.

Adjourn Meeting

Councilmember Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of July, 2020.

Dana Wicher, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor