

1 LAKE HAMILTON
2 TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
3 TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014
4 5:00 pm
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6 The Town Council of Lake Hamilton held a work session meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at Town Hall
7 located at 100 Smith Avenue, Lake Hamilton, FL 33851.

8 **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Harris called the work session meeting to order at 5:30 PM after the special meeting was
9 adjourned.

10 **Roll Call:** Present: Chair Harris, Councilmembers Kehoe, O'Neill, Roberson and Tomlinson and Mayor Wagner.

11 **1. Water Enterprise Budget Review – Water Rate Increase –** Roberson thought the 2009 rates were set for five
12 years. Leonard reported the council reviewed an annual increase but adopted a straight up one time increase.
13 Discussion on water deposits and billing policies. Clerk stated staff is working on those items. Council asked for a
14 reassessment of salaries to other departments, other town's water rates for comparison, a draft ordinance for
15 metering tampering, and a policy regarding water bills not to exceed deposit. Clerk Irvine asked the Council to
16 authorize a public meeting for Wednesday, September 3rd to discuss the water rate increase. Language will go on
17 the August water bills to inform the customers of the proposed increase. The meeting will be at 6:00 PM and the
18 tentative budget will be set at that time.

19 **2. Sanitation Enterprise Budget Review –** there was not much discussion on this budget.

20 **3. Capital Improvement Program –** Irvine and Leonard reviewed the Capital Improvement Program and took
21 council input on items they would like to see in the next fiscal year.

22 **4. Staffing level/wage discussion –** There was much discussion on giving Phil Miller a raise. Staff reported that this
23 is not the time to talk about individual employee raises, but to determine if council wanted to budget for a COLA
24 increase or salary increases. Staff was asked to change the COLA increase to a Salary Adjustment and leave it at
25 3% but not include it as part of the budget at this time.

26 Staff was directed to present an updated budget using the current millage rate. There was discussion on the debt
27 service schedule. Irvine had copies of the current schedule made for council and handed them out at the meeting.
28 Council discussed the Crump Road Water Line. Staff reported that this was on hold. Chair Harris asked why this
29 has not been reported to the Council. Staff replied that it was a council decision to put it on hold after information
30 was presented at a past meeting. Councilmember O'Neill stated that he remembered the decision. Council
31 discussed the sewer project and economic development.

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33 **MOTION:** O'Neill/Roberson to close the work shop at 8:40 PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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ATTEST:


Sara K. Irvine, Clerk


Chair Person, Ralph N. Harris