

VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
BUDGET WORK SESSION
April 21, 2020

Council President Deborah Lindley called the electronic (virtual) Budget Work Session to order at 9:30 a.m. EST to discuss the November 1, 2020– October 31, 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets.

Roll Call – Attendance

James Bracewell	Aye
Paul Leonard Jr.	Aye
Deborah Lindley	Aye
Blake O’Halloran	Aye
Steve Slater	Aye

Staff members present included Clerk-Treasurer Mary Robertson, Police Chief Ryan Layman and Superintendent Bob Dabbs.

ADOPT AGENDA

Paul Leonard moved, seconded by James Bracewell to adopt the agenda as presented.

Roll Call

Paul Leonard Jr.	Aye
Deborah Lindley	Aye
Blake O’Halloran	Aye
Steve Slater	Aye
James Bracewell	Aye

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion about a loss in revenue in the current budget year and possibly into the next budget year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to a loss of revenue to the golf fund this year as the course has not been able to open yet this year, the sales tax and ACT 51 street funds revenue will also be reduced. The sales tax revenue is approximately 2.5% of the budget.

The draft budgets for fiscal year 2020-2021 were discussed.

General Fund: Debbie Lindley said that the proposed General Fund budget for the year is showing a deficit of \$180,391. The Council made several revisions to the proposed budget including removing the \$100,000 expenditure to replace the tennis court. It was noted that in the next couple of years, the tennis court will have to be replaced which would include work to the asphalt underneath the court and that’s why the proposed cost is so high.

Included in the proposed budget was an expenditure of up to \$50,000 for a pickle ball court and \$30,000 for a viewing platform and pergola at one of the beach accesses.

After several changes to the General Fund budget, the proposed budget ended with income over expenditures of \$34,609.

Lindley discussed the need to put in counters at Village Hall to serve as a buffer between the office staff and

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visitors to the office for their protection. Bracewell added that a door buzzer should also be installed and suggested that if we have funds available this year it should be done.

There was discussion regarding the wants and needs list that the Council has created and the need to do a special assessment or a millage increase to make some of these improvements, including improvements to parks and beaches.

Water Fund: Robertson said that proposed Water Fund budget shows a deficit of \$49,014, and the budget includes opening certificates of deposits in the amount of \$58,000 to cover future water projects.

Golf Fund: Debbie Lindley said it is hard to keep the golf course self-sustaining, and with the loss of revenue this year due to the course being closed, it is possible that we might need to transfer funds into Golf. Blake O'Halloran said that he would like to purchase another golf cart and removed the purchase of a light weight utility vehicle and a change to #8 cart path and bunker to help reduce expenditures for the 2020-2021 budget year. The proposed budget shows a deficit of \$12,334.

Local & Major Street Funds: There was discussion regarding the loss of ACT 51 funds for the current budget year and the possibility of a loss of revenue in the next budget year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The street funds expected an increase in revenue, although it is possible that it will be reduced depending on the pandemic. The proposed Local Street fund budget shows revenue over expenses in the amount of \$5,392 and the proposed Major Street fund shows revenue over expenses in the amount of \$18,005.

Building Inspection Fund: Jim Bracewell said that other area municipalities have increased the building inspector's pay from 60% of the building permit fee to 70% of the fee. He suggested adding the pay increase proposal to the May 2020 Council meeting agenda for consideration of the Council. With the proposed increase to 70% of building permit fees included, the proposed Building Inspection fund shows a deficit of \$3,000.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Lindley moved, seconded by Bracewell to adjourn the work session.

Roll Call

Deborah Lindley Aye

Blake O'Halloran Aye

Steve Slater Aye

James Bracewell Aye

Paul Leonard Jr. Aye

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

With no further business, the work session was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk-Treasurer