

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
April 8, 2019
6:30 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 8, 2019. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor David Kelley, Vice-Mayor Joe Yapsuga, Joanne Clendaniel and Diana Dolan-Beulah.

Staff: Town Manager Rebecca Greene, Chief Levi Brown and Town Clerk Amy Thomas.

Public: Resident; Bill Beal and Felton Fire Company Members; Adam Jarrell and Kevin Sipple.

Citizens Concerns:

There were no Citizens Concerns.

Police Report:

Chief Brown presented the March 2019 report and asked if there were any questions. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga asked why Officer Thomas and Officer Boesenberg's ticket numbers were down and he doesn't understand why Officer Guild's tickets are twice as much as the other officers. Chief Brown stated that it depends on the complaints that the officer has during a shift and also depends what shift they are working. They tend to get more tickets on day shift this time of year.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to approve the March 2019 Police Report. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Budget Report:

Rebecca stated the budget is doing very well and our delinquent tax numbers has decreased a lot. There are currently seven properties that are delinquent and that include the four from Rosewood Farms.

Rebecca stated that she advised the officers to use the money from the overtime line instead of flipping their overtime to SEU. She explained that if she added more money to the SEU line she would have to increase the fine line again. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga asked how we budget for overtime for the Police and Rebecca stated that each officer is budgeted for 150 hours of overtime each year.

Motion: Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to accept the March 2019 Budget Report. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the March 11, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes. There were no questions.

Motion: Councilmember Clendaniel made a motion to accept the Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Hold Harmless Agreement – Felton Fire Company – John Deere Gator \$23,844.14:

Rebecca stated this is a Hold Harmless Agreement for the Fire Company that we have to sign when they request money from Legislators to purchase something. We are not financially responsible for this equipment.

Motion: Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to accept the Hold Harmless Agreement for the Felton Fire Company to purchase a John Deere Gator for \$23,844.14. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll call: Mayor Kelley – yes; Vice Mayor Yapsuga – yes; Councilmember Dolan-Beulah – yes; Councilmember Clendaniel – yes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Works Uniform Rentals:

Rebecca stated the cost for Public Works uniforms will be \$21.94 per week for both employees. This includes shirts, pants, coats and they will pick them up, wash them and drop them off to Town Hall. Rebecca asked Council if she should start the uniforms July 1 or get them right away. It was decided to order the uniforms now.

Motion: Councilmember Clendaniel made a motion to add money in the budget for uniforms for Public Works. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Draft FY20 Budget:

Rebecca explained to Council the different columns for the new budget in comparison to this budget year and FY20 with a 3% raise and 4% raise. Mayor Kelley asked why FY20 was lower and Rebecca stated a couple things are the \$20,000 from the water tower agreement and also the \$20,000 from the SEU line.

Rebecca stated that she spoke to Rich regarding the Water Tower Agreement for next year and it would cost us about \$1300 to keep them handling issues with the cell phone companies and also inspections for the tower.

Vice-Mayor Yapsuga asked if we were going to hire a part time police officer. Mayor Kelley asked why he is asking that question and Councilman Yapsuga stated that he is concerned if someone gets hurt or sick then we will be down another officer like last year. Councilmember Clendaniel stated that we should start putting ads out for a part time officer and see who applies.

Motion: Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to add a part time officer in the budget. Rebecca will figure out the expenses and add 50% of those expenses to the revenue fine line. Councilmember Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll call: Mayor Kelley – yes; Vice Mayor Yapsuga – yes; Councilmember Dolan-Beulah – yes; Councilmember Clendaniel – yes. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Council Meeting recessed at 7:26pm for an Executive Session.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:02pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Motion: Councilmember Yapsuga made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

These minutes were prepared by Amy Thomas, Town Clerk.

Amy Thomas, Town Clerk

Date