

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
May 13, 2019
6:30 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 13, 2019. Present at the meeting were:

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

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

Public: Residents; Janette Carroll and Robert Harrington.

Citizens Concerns:

Mr. Harrington wanted Council to know that he is very happy living in the Town and he appreciates all the help that he receives from the Town Employees. His only concern is at the bus stop at N Erin Ave and Ludlow Lane the kids playing in the street while waiting for the bus and he has also noticed busses speeding through Hidden Pond.

Police Report:

Chief Brown presented the April 2019 report and asked if there were any questions. Levi stated that he is aware that Council has the officer's phone numbers but he is asking that they call the non emergency number first if they need to contact an officer.

Levi stated that he has a young man that he would like to hire part time. He is currently working full time at New Castle City and is seeking part time work. Mayor Kelly asked how long it would take to get him on the road and Levi stated that he will look at his schedule. He would like to bring him in at the next meeting, June 10 to introduce him to Council.

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

Budget Report:

Rebecca stated we have not had to touch the \$20,000 savings transfer that we put in the budget and I don't think that we will have to use that money. The High Street project will go out for rebid then we can see if there is any money left in Municipal Street Aide for the pole building project.

Motion: Councilman Carroll made a motion to accept the April 2019 Budget Report. Councilmember Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the April 8, 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.

DELDOT Agreement 19-P-PROG-108 – Felton Fire Company – John Deere Gator \$23,844.14:

Rebecca stated when the Fire Company asked us to do the Hold Harmless Agreement last meeting we were under the impression that we would sign the agreement and be done. I received an agreement with the Town listed as the signor for the money for the Gator. I contacted Geri Lawson and she clarified that Municipalities are the only ones that can receive Transportation Funds so we would have to purchase the Gator for the Fire Company and submit the invoice to be reimbursed from the State. We would be responsible for all paperwork and receiving the audit from Deldot. After much discussion it was decided that this would be tabled until Council received more clarification on the verbiage that is on the agreement from DELDOT to receive the transportation funds.

Approval of FY20 Budget:

Rebecca stated that she added the Part Time officer in the budget and kept the SEU money at \$20,000 and if we need to increase it we will increase the fine line like we did this year. With the 4% raise the budget has decreased \$21,000 and two big decreases to the budget is the decrease in the water tower agreement line and the SEU line. Councilwoman Clendaniel asked what we pay the part time officer and Rebecca replied \$16 an hour and after he works his scheduled hours he can work SEU.

Motion: Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to accept the FY20 Budget. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll call: Mayor Kelley – yes; Vice Mayor Yapsuga – yes; Councilmember Carroll; Councilmember Dolan-Beulah – yes; Councilmember Clendaniel – yes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-01 FY20 Tax Rate:

Rebecca stated this is the resolution we pass each year during the budget. The tax rate is \$0.91 per \$100 of assessed value. Senior citizens (65 years old) will receive a 50% discount.

MOTION: Councilman Yapsuga made the motion to approve Resolution 19-R-01 FY20 Tax Rates. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mayor Kelley – Yes; Vice-Mayor Yapsuga – Yes; Councilmember Carroll – Yes; Councilwoman Clendaniel – Yes; Councilwoman Dolan-Beulah – Yes. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

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

These minutes were prepared by Amy Thomas, Town Clerk.

Amy Thomas, Town Clerk

Date