

Town Of Havana

1st Public Budget Hearing: Millage & Annual Budget

September 17, 2024 – 6:00pm

Meeting minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Loughmiller at 6:00pm. Invocation was led by Councilman Lawrence Reed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

A roll call confirmed the presence of the following council members including Landon Seymour, Matt Wesolowski, Tabatha Nelson, Lawrence Reed, Penny Key, Mayor Loughmiller and Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Bass, ensuring a quorum for the meeting.

#1 Ordinance No. 406, Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate (First Reading)

Ms. Wilkerson, Town Manager, requested the Town Clerk to read Ordinance 406 by title only. Ms. Alexander, Town Clerk, read Ordinance No. 406 by title only. Ms. Wilkerson reviewed the reasons for the Millage increase is additional revenue is required to fund the police department salaries, sustain operations, repair fleet and complete maintenance on town facilities. The proposed millage rate voted upon at the July 2024 council meeting was 3.2500 mils. The proposed millage is set at 3.000 mils.

Mayor Loughmiller asked if there were any public comment. None received.

Motion made by Councilman Wesolowski to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 406 to set the millage rate at 3.0000 mils. Seconded by Councilman Bass and motion carried.

#2 Ordinance No. 407, Adoption of FY2024-FY2025 Budget

Ms. Wilkerson requested the Clerk to read Ordinance 407 by title only. Ms. Alexander read Ordinance No. 407 by title only. Ms. Wilkerson, Town Manager, stated FY25 budget reflects a tentative millage of 3.0000 mills.

The total annual budget is \$15,545,268 which is an increase of 69.36% from prior year. The increase is directly related to increases in special revenue due to grant activity. Ms. Wilkerson stated if Special Revenue/Grants were not included in the calculation, the total operating budget would decrease slightly.

Mayor Loughmiller asked if there were any public comment. None received.

Motion made by Councilman Bass to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 407 to approve the FY2024-FY2025 Budget. Seconded by Councilman Seymour and motion carried.


Recognition of Each Council Member

Councilman Wesolowski inquired as to status of installation of donated playground equipment and shade due to temperature during the hotter months. Ms. Wilkerson shared that the equipment has been purchased and is stored at FSU until install. Next on the list for the Park is to look into grant funding for shade to cover the equipment.


Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Wesolowski made motion to adjourn the September 17, 2024 1st Public Budget Hearing. Councilman Seymour seconded, and motion carried.

Mayor Loughmiller adjourned the meeting at 6:11pm.


EDWARD N BASS, JR

ATTEST:


Shrylan R. Alexander, Town Clerk

