

**TOWN OF ASTATULA  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
SUMMARY MINUTES**



**COUNCILWORKSHOP  
MONDAY AUGUST 30, 2021  
2021-2022 BUDGET**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Mitchell Mack called the workshop to order at 5.50 pm. A moment of silence was observed for the thirteen fallen marines in Afghanistan followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:**

Mitchell Mack, Mayor  
Stephen Cross  
Gayle Sikkema  
Orita Issartel – By Phone

**Also Present:**

Graham Wells, Town Clerk  
Wally Hoagland, Police Chief

**Absent:**

Kimberly Kobera

Roll call was taken and there were no residents present.

The Clerk had provided an updated budget with the changes from the last workshop and the Mayor went over the changes shown below.

**General Fund – Revenues (\$82,857)**

The reduction in revenues because of modified expectations of new construction from Colina Del Lago. The expenditure side was also adjusted, and the projected carry forward figure was amended.

**General Fund – Expenditures (\$41,203) Carry Forward to Future Year (\$43,654)**

Legislative (511) - \$3,300 reduction in council stipend and \$4,720 in election costs. \$2,000 added to replace council table.

Executive (512) Reduction in salary increase of 2% for Town Clerk.

Public Works (519) Increase in the wages plus benefits for a full-time employee 60%.

Councilman Cross asked whether we should bid out the mowing of the cemetery, town hall and parks. The mayor responded that it was not cost effective but would bring forward cost estimates for council to look at.

Police Dept (521) Reduction in salary increase of 2% for Chief and Officers.

Protective Inspections (524) Reduction in salary increase of 2% for Deputy Clerk and reduction in permit fees and surcharges paid out because of modified expectations of new construction from Colina Del Lago.

**Transportation Fund – Expenditures**

Increase in the wages plus benefits for a full-time employee 40% offset against an equal reduction in road signage and paving.

**Enterprise Fund – Revenues (\$19,095)**

The reduction in revenues for water because of modified expectations of new construction from Colina Del Lago and County Materials.

**Enterprise Fund – Expenditures (\$19,095)**

The reduction in expenditures because of modified expectations of new construction from Colina Del Lago and County Materials plus a small increase to the carry forward figure.

The Mayor went over cost estimates for repairing the intersection of Madison and Daffodil plus Rose Hollow which needed patching at both ends. He said that the lead time to mobilize was four months. He added that they would be repaired in the next budget year and then look at resurfacing when there was more revenue to do it.

Councilman Cross said that the town should look at the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreements for the expansion of the limits of the Town and review the policy and procedures for regular employees and the police department. The Chief was in the process of rewriting the policies and procedures for the police department as he was getting the department accredited. The attorney could review them once they are written before they are brought to council for approval.

With this in mind, \$6,000.00 would be added to the budget for Legal Expenses (514). It was also agreed to add \$600.00 for baby changing stations for the community center under Parks & Recreation (572) with an adjustment to the carry forward figure for both.

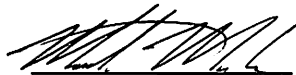
The salary increases in budget were explained and Councilwoman Sikkema gave an overview of the increases that were proposed by the school Board. The clerk reported that the CPI was currently 5.4 percent. The Chief gave an overview of the way increases were being handled at the Sheriff's Department. Neither Councilman Cross or Councilman Sikkema believed that an average of the two years was the way to go, and Councilman Cross proposed a three percent increase.

Councilwoman Sikkema felt that five percent was more appropriate across the board as the salaries are so low and that the staff are underpaid. Councilwoman Issartel did not think that three percent was enough as the price of everything was going up and agreed with five percent. Mayor Mack also agreed with a five percent increase.

The Clerk asked for a consensus on the rate of increase, as he did not want the budget as a whole voted against just because of disagreement on the salary increases.

There being no further discussion on the budget proposal, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Graham Wells, Town Clerk

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