

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §
TOWN OF LAGUNA VISTA §

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: August 5, 2013
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Leti Keplinger, Mayor Pro-Tem
Michael Carter, Councilmember Place 1
Steve Muschenheim, Councilmember Place 2
Rita Garcia, Councilmember Place 5
Richard Hinojosa, Councilmember Place 6

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Robert McGinnis, Police Chief
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Villas, Councilmember Place 3

ALSO PRESENT: None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Pledge and Invocation was lead by - None

3. Roll Call/Excused absences - Council Member Villas was absent.

4. 2013-14 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET - Discussion of the 2013-14 Fiscal Year Budget.

Rolando Vela explained that the effective rate for the 2013 tax rate is \$.352247, with a rollback rate of \$.375358.

The proposed budget submitted is short \$22,250 on the revenue side. Mr. Vela suggested using reserve funds to purchase the patrol unit, which is estimated at \$25,000.00.

The current tax rate is \$.3391, which includes \$.459 for the Interest & Sinking debt service.

The proposed budget does not include any salary increases for employees.

Council Member Carter suggested decreasing the I & S rate which will cause an increase in the M & O rate. He stated reduce the I & S surplus amount by \$20,000, this will increase the M & O by \$20,000.

Council Member Carter suggested a \$100 check for each employee.

Council Member Keplinger stated she'd like to see a larger amount, if they're not going to get a salary increase.

Council Member Garcia asked when was the last time employees got a raise. It was four years ago.

Council Member Carter asked for a worksheet, showing the amount for a \$200 and \$300 check for each employee. Including how it will effect the FICA and retirement figures.

It was the consensus of the Council that the patrol unit be purchased from the Reserve Funds.

Rolando Vela also mentioned that the patrol units need 3 cameras and only one is budgeted for in the proposed budget. He suggested that if there are funds left at the end of the fiscal year, two could be purchased from this fiscal year.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Garcia made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:37 pm, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary