

The Urbanna Town Council held its scheduled meeting on June 25, 2020 at 10:00am. This meeting was held by virtual means using Go To Meeting online services. Mayor Gravatt called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Those present at the roll call vote were Smith, Chowning, Goldsmith, Hartley, Wiley and DeVries. Also attending the meeting were Town Administrator-Holly Gailey, Zoning Administrator-John Gill and Town Attorney-Andrew Bury. There were also 2 callers joining the meeting.

The first item of business was a call in from Garry Clay, the town's representative from Davenport to discuss the reinvestment of the capital gains for the Taber Trust. He noted that the Taber needed some restructuring to enhance the returns on the investment. He noted that this fund is used mostly for cash for the town and that reinvesting the capital gains to build the fund would be beneficial moving forward. He noted that he would recommend reinvesting the capital gains but not the dividends. The dividends are what the town is able to utilize in cash equivalent. Mr. Clay stated that if there are capital gains to reinvest, it would not be known until at least November or the end of the 4th quarter noting that is when the town sees an enhanced dividend. Mr. Clay clarified that the reinvesting the capital gains does not affect the dividends in any way. Mayor Gravatt asked if there were any negative reasons why the town should not reinvest the capital gains. Mr. Clay replied, no. At this time, Larry Chowning stated that he voted no in a previous meeting concerning the reinvestment because he felt like there needed to be an explanation from Mr. Clay and a more in depth understanding was warranted before moving forward.

Moving into public comment, Ms. Gailey read a public comment from Catherine Cross of Chandler Ave. concerning a street sign in town. A second public comment was read by Ms. Gailey from Sue Warner of Cross St also concerning street signs. Barbara Hartley asked if there was a reason why the replacement of street signs had not been researched. Mayor Gravatt stated that she had asked Ms. Gailey to get a count of how many are missing and get an estimate on those. She also noted that this project was not included in the capital plans and was not funded and suggested that this project be submitted to the Planning Commission for inclusion in the capital plan for a future budget. Mayor Gravatt asked the Planning Commission Chair, George DeVries, if the commission was willing to take this project on. George DeVries stated that they (the commission) would but that he needed to be done in 2 phases: signs that are needed and signs that just need to be replaced. He stated that the Planning Commission will take up the project for planning.

At this time, Mayor Gravatt asked members of council if there was an objection to amend the agenda to include the flushing sequencing under new business as Bill Smith had an update for the council. There were no objections.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the FY 2020-2021 budget. The budget resolutions are attached to the minutes.

Moving on, there was a discussion on moving meetings back to in person in the chambers of town hall. After a brief discussion, the majority wanted meetings to remain in a virtual setting and Mayor Gravatt recognized the wishes of the majority.

At this time, Bill Smith updated the council on the proposed flushing sequence work that was being completed through AH Environmental. He stated that the original cost that was quoted was extremely high and noted that he and John Gill met with AH and negotiated the cost down to something the town could accept within the budget. There was a motion to move forward with the flushing sequence project and to hold off expensing the project until the new fiscal year by Larry Chowning. This was seconded by Bill Goldsmith. After some discussion, the motion was amended by Goldsmith to pay AH Environmental for the project out of FY2019-2020. This was seconded by Larry Chowning. Answering aye to a roll call vote was Goldsmith, Chowning, DeVries, Smith, Hartley, and Wiley.

Moving on to public comment, Kristi Anzivino stated that she was disappointed in the decision to continue to meet by virtual means and that a COLA (cost of living adjustment) should not be considered a raise because it is not.

Under announcements, Mayor Gravatt stated the playground equipment had been ordered.

Seeing there was no further business, Barbara Hartley made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Bill Smith. Answering aye to a roll call vote was Hartley, Smith, Goldsmith, DeVries, Wiley and Chowning.