

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 210 TOWN HALL,
84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Chairman Timothy Slocum, Jeffrey Falk, Sylvia Nichols
Staff: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Arnett Talbot,
Asst. Town Manager.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from an anonymous donor
To the Human Services Gift Account.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$1,000 donation from Mary Jane
Richards to the Human Services Gift Account for the Senior Center.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of \$25 donation in memory of Edward
Pacholski from the Widows and Widowers Group to the Human Services
Gift Account for the Senior Center.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from Mary C.
Salvatore to the Police Department Gift Account for the purchase of
equipment, tools or education programs.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$175 donation from Andrea and Carter
Thompson to the Police Department Gift Account for the purchase of
equipment, tools or education programs.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$2,095.51 donation from the Cheshire
Dog Park to the Parks and Recreation Department Gift Account to
be used for the Dog Park.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk.

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda items #3 through #8 and forward to the full
Town Council for approval.

Discussion

With regard to #8, Town Manager Kimball told the committee that the Dog Park Organization
has disbanded, and the group donated the remained of its funds to the Town to be used for the
Dog Park.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

9. Approval of FY 17-18 General Operating Budget and Pool Budget transfers.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk.

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda item #9 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

The committee was informed by Mr. Jaskot that this is the 2nd transfer for the Community Pool Revenue Fund. The amount is \$30,000.

Mr. Jaskot explained that the transfers are done annually, are usually about \$205,000, and this year the amount is \$108,000. The contingency account of \$125,000 absorbs most of the transfers.

Town Council Budget – over budget by \$35,000; there was advertising and publication for the new Town Charter, consultant for hiring new Town Manager.

Cable TV Channel 14 – over budget \$3,500 for new broadcasting equipment.

Town Manager’s Budget – over budget by \$75,000; 2/3rds of this overage is due to payout to Michael A. Milone, and overlap between Mr. Milone and Mr. Kimball during transition.

Parks and Rec Budget – payout for former Director +\$6,000.

Parks and Rec Commission Budget – over budget on secretarial services.

Pool Subsidy - \$30,000 transfer to keep positive fund balance in the pool account, due to revenue shortfall.

Mr. Jaskot noted that there were more Town departments under budget than over budget.

Overall, Town departments were under budget by \$1.6M.

Mr. Falk raised the issue of the Human Services Department pay back of \$23,000. He asked if some of this payback funding could be used towards the opioid prevention training program.

This would be a supplemental appropriation and Mr. Kimball said it would be in the FY 18-19 budget as FY 17-18 would be closed. The money could be appropriated from fund balance.

Chairman Slocum talked about the resolution for agenda item 9A, and suggested the motion include the actual amount of money being transferred...i.e. “\$146,850 as presented and attached”, and pool account as a separate “transfer of \$30,000”.

The committee members agreed to this amendment to agenda item 9A resolution. An amended resolution was prepared by Ms. Talbot for submission to the full Town Council.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

10. Approval of request for additional available Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grant Funds.

MOTION by Mr. Falk; seconded by Ms. Nichols.

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda item #10 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Town Manager Kimball explained that the Town received notice on July 31st of additional available funding for this grant, with submission deadline of August 3rd. Mr. Kimball sent a letter and applied for the additional \$200,000 grant funds, which would take care of 12 to 14 more homes under the grant. This supplemental grant application is part of the 2018 grant requests and this was clarified in Mr. Kimball's letter.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

11. Discussion and possible approval of Local-Option Subsection (c) of 12-81(21) Veteran's Exemption for 210 Richmond Glen Drive.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk.

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda item #11 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

A Cheshire citizen, disabled veteran, applied under the Statute 12-81 for this exemption. Mr. Kimball noted that the application includes confidential information; the applicant submitted proof of 100% disability; and the Tax Assessor has advised there is full compliance with the regulations.

The exemption remains in effect as long as the veteran (or surviving spouse) owns and lives in the property.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk

