

**TOWN OF LAKE HAMILTON
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023
5:05 PM**

The Town Council of Lake Hamilton held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 5:05 PM, at 100 Smith Ave., Lake Hamilton, FL 33851.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kehoe called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Roberson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL

Roberson, Tomlinson, Slavens, Tomlinson, Wagner and Kehoe were present. Attorney Maxwell, Administrator Hunnicutt, Clerk Sandoval Soto, Fiscal Coordinator Pettus were present.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING BUSINESS

Mayor Kehoe opened the public hearing at 5:06 PM

Mayor Kehoe read the following for the record.

I will now open the first public hearing to consider levying the Millage Rate and to adopt a balanced budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Review the Budget and Discuss the Percentage Increase in Millage over the RBR and the Reason for the Increase in Ad Valorem Tax Revenue

The taxing authority's name is Town of Lake Hamilton.

The Town of Lake Hamilton taxing authority is considering levying a millage rate of 8.4276 mills, which represents a 13.09% increase over the previous year's rolled back rate of 7.4518 mills.

The reason for the increase is to fund increased costs in the General Fund and for Capital Improvements.

Mayor opened up the floor for any comments.

Administrator Hunnicutt read the budget message and summarized the budget. The proposed millage rate is 8.4276. The Town will need reserves of 18% of the budget would equal 3.9 million dollars which will be allocated over time to build the reserves back up. Mayor Kehoe noted that the millage rate has been the same for the past 10 years.

Vice-Mayor Roberson questioned about the Building Official and Building Inspector positions. Administrator Hunnicutt noted that they are still using the Building Official and Building Inspector from Winter Haven and they have been ongoing with trying to find someone that can do both. There is a tough market at the moment as private providers are paying high wages for Officials and inspectors and the Town has to compete with those prices.

Public Hearing and First Reading of Resolution R-2023-18 to Adopt the 2023-2024 Millage Rate

Attorney Maxwell read the title for the record.

A resolution of the town council of the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; adopting the millage rate for fiscal year 2023-2024 beginning at 12:01 am on October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Kehoe noted for the record that there was no one from the public present at the meeting.

Motion made by Slavens and a second by Wagner to approve on first reading Resolution R-2023-18 to adopt the 2023-2024 Millage Rate for the Town of Lake Hamilton at 8.4276.

No public comments were received. Roberson aye, Tomlinson aye, Slavens aye, Wagner aye, Kehoe aye. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Public Hearing and First Reading of Resolution R-2023-19 to Adopt the 2023-24 Budget and CIP

Attorney Maxwell read the title for the record.

A resolution of the town council of the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; adopting a budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 beginning at 12:01 am on October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; reflecting the revenue generated together with the sources of the revenue; delineating the expenditures by department of activity; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

Motion made by Roberson and a second by Wagner to approve on first reading Resolution R-2023-19 to adopt the 2023-2024 annual budget and CIP for the Town of Lake Hamilton at \$22,852,026.00.

No public comments were received. Tomlinson aye, Slavens aye, Wagner aye, Roberson aye, Kehoe aye. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Mayor Kehoe reminded the Council that the 2nd hearing would be on September 19th at 5:05 PM. Administrator Hunnicutt reminded Council about the retreat on October 25th at 9:00 am and to bring their thoughts and ideas for the future of Lake Hamilton.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Roberson and a second by Tomlinson to adjourn the special meeting at 5:21 PM.

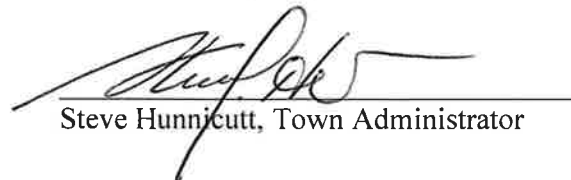
No public comments were received.

Motion passed 5-0.

ATTEST:


Brittney Sandoval Soto, Town Clerk


Michael Kehoe, Mayor


Steve Hunnicutt, Town Administrator

