

**TOWN OF LAKE HAMILTON
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
5:05 PM**

The Town Council of Lake Hamilton held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 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, Slavens, Tomlinson, Wagner and Kehoe were present. Tomlinson was absent. Attorney Maxwell, Administrator Hunnicutt, Clerk Sandoval Soto, Fiscal Coordinator Pettus were present.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING BUSINESS

Mayor Kehoe opened the public hearing.

Mayor Kehoe read the following for the record.

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

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.

Public Hearing and Second and Final 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 that the millage rate has not increased for the past ten years.

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

No further comments were received. A roll call vote was taken. Roberson aye, Slavens aye, Wagner aye, Kehoe aye. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Public Hearing and Second and Final 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.

Mayor Kehoe opened the floor for comments. Keith Pence asked what the Resolution was for, and Mayor Kehoe addressed Mr. Pence and stated it was to adopt the budget for the Town for operating revenues and expenditures.

Motion made by Slavens and a second by Wagner to approve on second and final reading Resolution R-2023-19 to adopt the 2023-2024 Annual Budget and CIP for the Town of Lake Hamilton at \$22,852,026.

No further comments were received. A roll call vote was taken. Slavens aye, Wagner aye, Roberson aye, Kehoe aye. **Motion passed 4-0.**

New Acquisition (Donated Police Vehicles)

Administrator Hunnicutt presented the agenda item and noted that the Orlando Police Department donated 2 vehicles to the Town that are K-9 equipped. They are both 2017 Tahoe's and staff recommends approving the donations. Slavens questioned the life expectancy left in the vehicle and Administrator Hunnicutt estimated about 2 years.

Motion made by Wager and a second by Roberson to accept the 2 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe's that were donated from the Orlando PD.

No further comments were received. **Motion passed 4-0.**


Administrator Hunnicutt handed out retreat packets for the council that included a guideline of a timetable. He noted that it would include Council and few top staff. There will be a lot of items that need to be addressed and he put out a survey on Facebook on what the residents would like to see to improve. He will bring back the results of the survey to the retreat.

ADJOURNMENT:


Motion made by Wagner and a second by Roberson to adjourn the special meeting at 5:16 PM. No public comments were received.

Motion passed 5-0.

ATTEST:


Brittney Sandoval Soto, Town Clerk


Michael Kehoe, Mayor


Steve Hunnicutt, Town Administrator

