

**TENTATIVE BUDGET WORKSESSION MINUTES
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020 5:00 PM
DUNCAN TOWN HALL; 506 SE OLD WEST HIGHWAY**

CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR THURMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:15 PM.

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMEMBER SUSAN RIOS, COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON, COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE, VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH, MAYOR ANNE THURMAN AND TOWN MANAGER JOHN BASTEEN JR. ARE PRESENT. TOWN ATTORNEY JOHN GRIFFITH IS ABSENT. QUORUM PRESENT.

PLEDGE: LED BY MANAGER BASTEEN.

PRAYER: LED BY MAYOR THURMAN.

- 1. TENTATIVE BUDGET:** THE MANAGER SAID SOME OF THE CELLS GOT MESSED UP, SO THEY WILL FIX THOSE LATER. HE SAID SCHEDULE C IS THE ESTIMATED REVENUES. THE MANAGER SAID THERE IS A CUT IN URBAN REVENUE SHARING OF \$30,000. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE IS WORRIED THAT THE URBAN REVENUE SHARING MAY BE ADJUSTED DOWN AGAIN. STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE SAYING THERE MAY BE ANOTHER SHUT DOWN, BUT STATE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT AGREE. SHE SAID SHE THINKS THERE IS A VERY GOOD CHANCE IT WILL CHANGE AGAIN FOR THE WORST. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF DUNCAN IS GETTING THE SAME AMOUNT AS SAFFORD. THE MANAGER SAID, NO IT IS BASED ON POPULATION. THE MAYOR SAID SAFFORD IS GETTING \$1.15 MILLION AND DUNCAN IS GETTING \$90,000, CLIFTON IS GETTING \$425,000 AND THE COUNTY \$574,000. THE MANAGER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD YOU CAN ONLY SPEND THE MONEY ON POLICE, FIRE OR AMBULANCE SERVICES. THE MANAGER SAID THEY ARE SAYING THEY HAVE TO GO OFF THE FEDERAL GUIDELINES AND THE FLEXIBILITY IS DUNCAN OWES THE COUNTY \$5,000 PER MONTH SO THEY COULD PAY THE COUNTY \$50,000 AND THE MONEY THEY WOULD HAVE SPENT ON THAT WOULD GO BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND TO SPEND IT ANYWAY THEY WANT, BUT HE HAS TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY CAN DO. HE SAID HE TALKED TO DEREK ABOUT PURCHASING A POLICE VEHICLE AND USING THAT AS LEVERAGE MAYBE FOR NEXT YEAR. THEIR CONTRACT STATES THAT THEY PROVIDE THEM WITH A POLICE VEHICLE EVERY THREE YEARS. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID IT HAS BEEN SIX YEARS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF THE TOWN WILL HAVE MORE MONEY IN THE BUDGET THIS YEAR. THE MANAGER SAID IT WILL BE A WASH, BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE SPENT \$50,000. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THEY ARE LOSING \$30,000 BECAUSE OF THIS. THE MAYOR SAID THE SMART ACT IS THE NEXT ONE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE MAYOR SAID ANYTHING BASED ON POPULATION MEANS THE TOWN WILL NOT RECEIVE A LOT. THE MAYOR SAID PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THE REASON WE ARE ONLY GETTING \$90,000 IS BECAUSE OF OUR POPULATION. THE MANAGER SAID 32% OF DUNCAN RESIDENTS HAVE FILLED OUT THE CENSUS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED WHERE THEY ARE GETTING THE FIGURES ON HOW MANY HAVE FILLED OUT

THE CENSUS. THE MANAGER SAID AKOS HAS THOSE, BUT HE IS NOT AT WORK RIGHT NOW. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID FMI IS STILL DOING VERY SMALL GRANTS OCCASIONALLY. SHE SAID MARTHA LUJAN WAS HIRED FOR EMILY'S POSITION, BUT THEY NEED TO LET HER GET UP TO SPEED FIRST.

THE MANAGER SAID THE **CITY SALES TAX** HE PUT AT \$195,000, BECAUSE THEY MIGHT WANT TO TRY TO RAISE IT. HE SAID THEY COULD RAISE THEIR **PROPERTY TAXES**, BUT HE NEEDS TO FIND OUT HOW TO DO IT. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE ESTIMATES WERE SO HIGH ON **BUSINESS, MOBILE HOME & BUILDING PERMITS** AND THE ACTUAL WAS ONLY \$1650. THE MANAGER SAID ORIGINALLY, THEY HAD IMPACT FEES, BUT THE STATE SAID THEY CAN NOT CHARGE THOSE. HE SAID IT WAS ALSO BACK WHEN A BUNCH OF HOUSES WERE GOING TO BE BUILT. SHE ALSO WANTED TO KNOW WHAT **FRANCHISE FEES** ARE. THE CLERK SAID THOSE ARE FEES THAT THEY COLLECT FROM UTILITY COMPANIES. THE MAYOR ASKED ABOUT THE **DOG IMPOUND FEES**. THE MANAGER SAID HE HAS PICKED UP IN THE LAST WEEK 5 DOGS, 6 FEMALE CATS, 2 MALE CATS AND 21 KITTENS. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW IF PEOPLE ARE COMING TO CLAIM THEM. HE SAID NO, THERE IS A NO KILL SHELTER IN GLOBE NOW THAT WILL TAKE THE DOGS. THE MAYOR WANTED TO KNOW IF \$25 IS ENOUGH FOR IMPOUND FEES. HE SAID USUALLY PEOPLE DON'T COME IN AND PAY IT.

COUNCILMEMBER RIOS WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE ESTIMATED REVENUES GO UP YEAR AFTER YEAR, BUT ACTUAL REVENUES ALWAYS FALL SHORT AND THEY CONTINUE TO THINK THEY ARE GOING TO GET MORE NEXT YEAR, WHY IS THAT? THE MANAGER SAID IF THEY DO HAPPEN TO GET THAT THEY CAN SPEND IT, OTHERWISE HE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR TO SPEND IT. HE SAID THE TIME HE TRIED TO GET THE NUMBERS CLOSE, THEY WERE OVER BY ABOUT \$800 AND THE STATE CALLED HIM AND YELLED AT HIM.

THE MANAGER SAID THE **STATE SALES TAX, URBAN REVENUE SHARING AND AUTO LIEU TAXES** ALL THE FIGURES COME FROM THE STATE.

HE RAISED THE AMOUNT OF **THE REFUSE & TIPPING FEES** BECAUSE THEY RAISED THEIR FEES. HE SAID ON THE LAST BILL THEY CHARGED THE TOWN \$17.50 A CAN, SO HE CALLED THEM AND THEY GAVE THE TOWN CREDIT, BUT THEY SAID IN JANUARY IT WILL GO UP TO \$17.50 PER CAN.

2. **ADJOURNMENT: AT 8:15 PM, COUNCILMEMBER _____ MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER _____ SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET WORKSESSION MINUTES OF THE DUNCAN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

CYNTHIA NICHOLS, TOWN CLERK

