

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF  
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING  
SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER  
APRIL 16, 2012 6:30 PM**

Barnes called the Town Council to order at 6:31pm.

Stafford called the Finance Committee to order at 6:31 pm.

**PRESENT:**

**Council:**

Mark Brown, Mayor  
Dena Barnes  
Alicia Flowers  
Dianne Laughlin  
Elizabeth McClellan  
John Wray

**Finance Committee:**

Ronnie Stafford  
Jane Wilson  
Dail Perry

**Staff:**

Dana Luther, Interim Town  
Manager and Finance Officer  
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk

**COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS**

**Historical Committee:**

Linda Southard outlined the four priorities of the committee:

1. Rotating exhibits in Town Hall, \$400
2. Per Diem and Travel \$100
3. Special Events \$500
4. Interviewing Veterans, \$1000

After brief discussion, it was decided to allocate \$100 for printing brochures, \$100 to special events for Founders' Day, \$500 for repair/replacement of banners, and an amount for signage at the Rock Gym to be determined at a later date.

**Public Safety:**

Roxanne Gilgallon outlined the following budget items requested:

1. Emergency Preparedness (changed from \$4000 to \$2000)
2. Generator/Municipal Equipment (changed from \$800 to \$1500)
3. Crime Prevention, \$1800
4. Education (changed from \$500 to \$1000)
5. Fire Inspection/Investigations (changed from \$4000 to \$5000)
6. Mailings (changed from \$1300 to \$0)
7. Per Diem and Travel (changed from \$50 to \$100)

The cost of a defibrillator at SAP will be investigated.

**Investment Presentation – Jeff Lewis, Wells Fargo Advisors**

Lewis stated the days of 4.5% and 5% interest rates were gone since the Fed funds rate will remain at 0% for the next two years. He discussed various options and associated rates. McClellan stated the Town should not be collecting and holding tax dollars, but allocating the money to specific projects through a CIP so taxpayers are clear about what their money is being used for.

**Parks & Recreation Budget Discussion**

It was noted that many programs would depend upon the hiring of a new manager, who would decide how to proceed. There was discussion of the following budget items:

1. Administrative and Operating Expenses (Committee) (changed from \$700 to \$0)
2. Parks, Trails & Recreation Services (Committee) (changed from \$1200 to \$0)
3. Parks and Recreation Programs
  - a. Children's Fishing Day (changed from \$2500 to \$2000)
  - b. Fall Fun Fest (changed from \$2000 to \$0)
  - c. Music in the Park, \$8000
  - d. Petrified Woods (changed from \$2000 to \$0)
  - e. Touch-A-Truck & More, \$600
  - f. Tree Lighting Ceremony (changed from \$2000 to \$1000)
  - g. Partnership Events, \$1500
  - h. Trail Events (changed from \$5500 to \$1000)
4. Parks Trails & Recreation Planning & Capital Outlay (changed from \$20,000 to \$0)

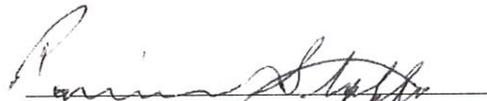
**Public Comment Period**

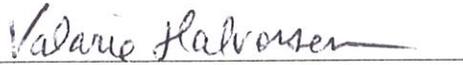
Gail Dunham, 5805 Snow Hill Dr spoke about the following: the need for research about the process of interviewing veterans; events should be put on hold until a new manager is hired; her feeling that the Town should not collect and hold taxpayer dollars, but spend on necessities such as repairing Town Hall and reduce taxes; too much money has been spent on consultant Glenn Harbeck; and the amount given to Kids Voting should be reduced.

Regarding Kids Voting which serves 2400 children, Council and Finance agreed that the Town could not provide the service themselves for \$750, which is the amount Kids Voting is requesting.

With no further business for the joint meeting, Barnes made a motion to adjourn Town Council at 9:00 pm, seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee at 9:00 pm, seconded by Perry and carried unanimously.

  
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Mark E. Brown, Mayor

  
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Ronnie Stafford, Finance Chair

  
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Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk