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Council Meeting

June 1, 2020 7:30 pm

Present: Mayor Gary E. Morris Councilmember Mike McCoy

Councilmember Patrick Ledford Councilmember Adam Tullis

Councilmember Chris Green

Chief/Manager Tim Jarrell Clerk Sheri Berrong

Absent: Councilmember Ray McAllister (attended by phone)

* Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, then Councilmember McCoy led the invocation and pledge.
* Agenda was accepted as presented.
* Minutes from the May 18, 2020 called meeting were presented. Councilmember Tullis made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Ledford, passed with all in favor.
* There were no comments from the public.
* During department reports, Public Works director James Kimsey reported they are cleaning right-of ways, cutting grass, etc. He also reported he was working with our supplier to get warranty exchanges on a number of water meters. Chief Jarrell reported finances are in good shape, also that he is working with several agencies regarding a recent incident of the railroad tracks, and the investigation is ongoing.
* Next, the council discussed potential SPLOSTVII projects. After a brief discussion, it was agreed a portion of funds would be moved from Roads & Bridges to Public Safety to help with the cost of radio upgrades. Division is as follows:
  + Roads & Bridges 49.3% $620,000
  + Water & Sewer 24% $300,000
  + Public Safety 5.7% $70,000
  + Public Construction projects 10% $125,000
  + Capital outlay projections 9% $112,028
  + Recreation & Parks 2% $30,000

Councilmember Tullis made a motion to accept project list and division as stated above, seconded by Councilmember McCoy, passed with all in favor.

* Lastly, conversation began about the Town’s position on the different distribution options (Population vs. Hybrid) presented from the County. After a lengthy discussion Councilmember Tullis made a motion to formally support the Population distribution, motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy. More discussion ensued, Mayor Morris called for a vote by show of hands. Councilmembers Tullis and McCoy raised hands showing in favor of said motion, Councilmembers Green and Ledford raised hands opposing said motion. To break the tie vote, Mayor Morris then raised a hand in favor of the motion. Motion passed 3-2, with Councilmembers Green and Ledford opposing.

With no other business to discuss, Councilmember Ledford made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Green, passed with all in favor.

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Mayor Gary E. Morris Councilmember Mike McCoy

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Councilmember Ray McAllister Councilmember Adam Tullis

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Councilmember Chris Green Councilmember Patrick Ledford