

AUGUST 2012 MAYOR'S MINUTE

Your City Council has been busy this past month.... we have had a number of workshops going over budget for 2012-13. Our year ends Oct. 1, 2012.

During these meetings we have crunched numbers and expenses to come up with a balanced budget. It was agreed by all councilmen that we propose a 5.89% increase in property tax this year. We have scheduled public meetings on this subject for August 16 and 23rd. I don't like a tax any more than you do but if we're going to pave some additional streets and help fund a museum it's necessary. The city does have a low tax so the 5.89 percent increase only amounts to an additional 50,000.00 revenue to the budget. So come out to the meetings and voice your comments or concerns. The council needs to hear from you so I personally invite you to these important meetings. They will be at the community center starting at 5:00pm both days.

The revised grease trap ordinance passes... All restaurants have complied with the installation of a grease trap but this revision requires ALL food establishments to install one. This is halls, churches and other businesses that serve food. I request to you that since we're making businesses protect our sewer pipes and plant that you use care and dispose of your grease in your home properly. Don't flush it down the kitchen sink like I use to do before I learned all about grease and sewer pipes!

Other items during the meeting was the acceptance of Keith Macik's resignation. Keith and his family moved out to Quail Run so since he's not living in the city can't serve on the council. I want to thank Keith for all his hard work. He made every meeting and was prepared and made decisions that were for the good of this community. Thanks Keith!!! you will be missed. While I'm thanking people a special thank you to Fran Nors for keeping the flowers watered at city hall. They look great and I hope everyone enjoys them as much as I do. Westfest visitors will be in for a treat.

We received a structural engineering report on using City Hall for the museum and it left the council with more questions than answers but long story short... got some issues there so additional reports are need but we also were told by the museum committee to hold off spending additional money on additional reports as they are looking at another location other than city hall and would let us know.

Have a great Westfest and stay cool!!!!!!