

Minutes Resort Tax Committee Meeting 3/19/2024

The Resort Tax Committee Meeting was called to order 3/19/2024 at 5:30 PM by chair Tom Kuntz.

Committee members in attendance: Jeremy Battles, Tom Kuntz, Kris Keys, Brent Moore, Joy Goodwin & Jody Ronning

Also in attendance: Dave Westwood, Mayor

Minutes from February 20, 2024 were approved as written.

Welcome New Members:

Welcomed new members Brent Moore & Joy Goodwin. Tom gave a brief history of the resort tax committee and reviewed the June 2022 Resort Tax Presentation.

Resort Tax Reporting Form:

The city has updated the resort tax reporting form. A line has been added to the form for the penalty for late fee/filing. Tom asked if we could have the form online as an excel fillable spreadsheet. Dave will send out an email blast to let business owners know that we have a new form and ask business owners to use it and not the old form. Dave will also ask the city to add an email address line to the business information section.

Resort Tax Association:

Next State Resort Tax Association meeting is 5.21.2024. Jeremy explained the purpose of the committee and Tom should be able to attend the meeting.

Budget/Resort Tax Collections & Spending:

Dave gave an update on the budget timeline. The department head/staff meetings will be next week. Reviewed the most current update on resort tax collections and spending from Loni. Dave gave an update on the stormwater project. Bids are in for completing the remaining phases and the city council will decide to award Phase 1, Phase 1 & 2, or Phase 1, 2 & 3. If all three phases are awarded, there will be an increase to the Storm Water Fee on property tax bills. The 1% will still be used to finish the project and pay down the loan once the project is completed.

Public Outreach:

Discussion on creating a new survey. The last survey was the end of 2019/beginning of 2020. Since then, our number one wish from the public, the city pool has been completed. Other items that we would like public input on resort tax spending include public safety, work force housing and new park projects. Tom will work on building a survey. Discussion on asking the same categories and just tweaking the questions by removing projects that have already been completed.

Future Agenda Items:

Priorities to spending resort tax and discuss what are we spending money on and what should we be spending money on.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Ronning, Secretary