

The Edgewater City Council held a relatively short (1 hour, 19 minutes) monthly meeting on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>. To adhere to CDC advisories, no more than 10 persons were permitted into the meeting room and all attendees maintained safe distances. Most of the items on the agenda were postponed until the May meeting.

The meeting started with a CPA presentation on the annual review of the “Edgewater Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019.” (A copy of the visual presentation is attached.) The report did not include any surprising news. Among items mentioned:

- Decrease in some expenses due to unfilled positions in city staff
- Continued increase in utility revenue as a result of annual rate increases
- Fund balances well positioned to meet City Charter requirement (15% of expenses)
- Increased expenses in recreation after new parks opened
- Pension funding: 54% of police payroll goes to pension; 27% of fire department payroll goes to pension

The council then discussed the following issues:

1. Resolution 2020-R-09: The council authorized the City Manager to enter into a financial agreement for approximately \$900,000 to purchase four refuse trucks. This loan will extend for 7 years at annual rate of 8%. The City Manager stated that the trucks should last about 10 years given normal wear and tear.
2. Resolution 2020-R-11: The City Manager was given approval to apply for a grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to finance the design and permits for proposed boat ramps and “amenities” on city property near Boston Whaler. At this time the city has not budgeted money for this project and is using the grant to start the process. The amenities referred to may include a building that could include a restaurant and meeting place. The City Manager is hoping to arrange a Public/Private agreement but has not found partners for this.
3. Resolution 2020-R-12: The local state of emergency order was extended to end when the Volusia County state of emergency ends.
4. Kennedy Park Renovation: The City Manager was given authorization to implement project change orders as needed as long as the project does not exceed original budget. Mr. Irby explained that the city had under estimated the amount of work necessary to properly fix sea walls.

It was announced that the May meeting will be held as scheduled but council members may attend via video conferencing. Vice-Mayor Conroy expects to attend in person, along with the City Clerk and City Manager. The City Manager announced that upcoming City Charter amendments could allow the city to suspend normal council meetings if there is an active state of emergency.