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## VILLAGE OF GOLF

# First Public Budget Hearing Minutes

**Date:** September 16, 2015  
**Time:** 5:01 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Village Hall

### 1. Call to Order:

Mayor Lynch called the meeting to order on the above date and time in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at Village Hall, 21 Country Road, Village of Golf, Florida.

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Lynch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call:**

Present were: Mayor Lynch, Vice Mayor Duane and Council Member Windle. Also present were Village Manager Thrower, Village Clerk Lynn, Village Accountant Galeano and Village Attorney Biggs and other interested residents. Council Member Botos was absent and Council Member Buchanan participated by phone.

### 2. Public Budget Hearing

- a. Announcement of Tentative Millage Rate FY 2014/2015:** Manager Thrower announced the proposed millage rate for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015 is the roll back rate of 7.0063 mills. The Manager noted that the property appraiser's office increased the property in the Village by 10.2 percent over the current year and the roll back rate of 7.0063 is the level necessary to collect the same level of taxes as last year. The Manager also stated that for the first time since 2010 there will be a reduction in the ad valorem tax rate, lowering the millage from 7.5026.

General Fund Budget is \$1.6M which includes;

- up to a 5 percent merit increase for employees,
- additional increase of 10 percent for health care costs
- Inter-local agreement with the City of Boynton Beach for Fire/Rescue Service, which had an increase of 24 percent.

Utility Fund's Budget is \$2.1M. A utility rate adjustment of 2.3 percent allows for needed capital improvements which include;

- 6 new fire hydrants to be installed
- Painting of the utilities buildings
- Installation of a new bypass switch (for aging infrastructure)
- continuing the lining of sewer lines within the service area

Even with the above improvements, Utilities will still be adding money to the Utilities Reserves.

Manager Thrower expressed to Council that the transfer out from the Utilities Fund to the General Fund is at the lowest level in more than 5 years.

Council Member Windle recommended and Council agreed, asking the Manager to have the budget reflect the full transfer out from the Utilities Fund to the General Fund for the full 25 percent which equals \$416,000. The excess transfer in will be placed in General Fund Reserves.

- b. Close Public Hearing:** There being no questions from the public regarding the proposed budget, Mayor Lynch proceeded to close the Public Hearing.

### 3. Adoption of Proposed Millage Rate of 7.0063 Mills FY 2015/2016

**Action:** Motion was made by Council Member Windle, seconded by Vice Mayor Duane and unanimously carried the proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 be set at 7.0063 Mills. Voice Vote Showed:  
**AYES - 4**  
**NAYS - 0**

### 4. Adoption of Tentative Budget FY 2015/2016

**Action:** Motion was made by Council Member Windle, seconded by Vice Mayor Duane and unanimously carried to tentatively adopt the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year Budget as presented. Voice Vote Showed:  
**AYES - 4**  
**NAYS - 0**

### 5. Set Date and Time of Second Public Budget Hearing

Mayor Lynch announced that the Second Public Budget Hearing will be on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 5:01 p.m.

### 6. Adjournment

**Action:** Motion was made by Council Member Windle, seconded by Vice Mayor Duane and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Voice Vote Showed:  
**AYES - 4**  
**NAYS - 0**

Respectfully submitted,

Donn M. Lynn  
Village Clerk