

Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis

October 6, 2017 6-1

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Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis met on October 6 at Park Place Restaurant with 10 members and 1 guests with Dan presiding.

Guest:

Jennifer Simpkins = Fort Oglethorpe City Manager

She discussed the city budget for 2018, upcoming projects, and ongoing projects.

1. Budget = \$15 million (Nicole has a copy of the budget if anyone wants to review it)
 - a. Municipal revenue is expected to decrease because offenders may now serve community service in lieu of paying fees/fines
 - b. Revenue from property taxes are expected to increase even though residents did not see increased rates because of the number of new businesses that arrived
 - c. See attachment for infographic
2. Ongoing Projects
 - a. Streetscaping on Lafayette Rd from Battlefield Pkwy intersection to park entrance scheduled to start Oct 2018. We got a 3 million dollar grant for it
 - b. There is discussion of a Publix coming to the Dietz Rd area
 - c. Target (among other businesses) has been mentioned for the old Kmart property
3. Upcoming Projects
 - a. Property crime, especially retail property, is very high in Fort O so the police chief is planning to put laptops in the police cruisers so the officers can spend less time in the station and more time on the street
 - b. Hourly/salary pay will increase for firefighters and police officers in Fort O in order to make the departments more competitive with county and nearby city departments
 - i. The entire budget was reviewed for allow/spend gaps and adjusted in order to provide funding for

Thank you to Nicole for taking notes

Upcoming events

Oct 10 = Center for Hope golf tournament

Oct 26 = Division governor's visit at Western Sizzlin at exit 11 Collegedale

Nov 4 = Night at the Museum

Nov 7 = Backpack Blessings by Kiwanis Fort O 5p-7p

Nov 14 = Honeycutt golf tournament
Dec 9 = Holiday Parade
Dec 15 = Salvation Army Bell Ringer 11a-8p

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