

Present: Mayor – Joyce Hudson
Council members Jeff Kennedy
Gary Fritch
Tim Strauser
Jeff Whiting
City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Clerk / Treasurer Connie L. Dalrymple

Also present: Joan Windrum

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda were given to the Council and members of the press. City Council meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is available for public inspection on the north wall of the Council Chambers.

The meeting was called as a work session on the 2011-12 budget. The proposal for each fund was reviewed and /or modified and a final proposal will be prepared for public hearing. The budget proposal for City funds includes:

- The Airport Authority tax request of \$41, 904.98
- The cash balance is down because police department renovations were paid from available funds, instead of bonding.
- 2 mobile data terminals and 2 mobile radar units for the police cruisers - grant funds will be used.
- Snow blower attachment for the JD mower to remove snow on the overpass and in parks
- \$80,000, second of 4 years, at \$40,000 / year, for a street sweeper
- \$20,000 1st year saving for dump truck
- \$12,000 storage building at shop (budgeted last year but not done)
- \$5,000 to replace Fire Dept pagers and establish a replacement plan
- \$20,000 toward new fire truck
- \$15,000 to sand and repaint the pool
- \$25,000 to expand the 4-plex concession stand anticipating donations and fund raising
- \$30,000 for computerized grave location kiosk at the cemetery, includes \$10,000 donations
- \$6,000 window repair at the library
- \$7,000 computer rotation at library
- \$120,000 cash reserve in the street department is unchanged
- The proposed property tax request of \$492,209 will result in a levy of .317625, up from .309224 last year, but well under the .45 limit imposed by the State. The increase only covers the \$48,368 loss of State Aid and Municipal Equalization Funds.

The budget proposal for Public Works Division funds includes:

- An electric rate increase of 5.1 % based on a wholesale increase from NPPD of 6.9%,
- \$36,000 electric, water & sewer departments share of storage building at the shop
- 3% water rate increase to fund water study
- \$642,000 for water improvement projects, will be bonded
- \$10,000 to clean / televise sewer lines. Project will be contracted to a company with better equipment than we have
- \$80,000 - 2nd of 3 years (at \$40,000) for sewer jet/vacuum
- \$1.995 million contingency funds for sewer line improvements. Several sources will be accessed for funding assistance.
- \$36,000 for machinery and equipment at the waste treatment plant
- The cash reserve is reduced by \$23,000.

Proposed employee wage increases will be the Consumer Price Index of 3.6% with some adjustments for training and comparability.

The proposed budget will be presented to the Council at a special meeting at noon on September 1 for their final review prior to publication. If approved, the budget hearing will be September 13.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Fritch, Strauser. Nay - none.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk