

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET WORK SESSION, AUGUST 28, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Mike Kuhle with the following Council Members present: Larry Janssen, Alan Oberloh, Chad Cummings, Amy Ernst, Mike Harmon.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Troy Appel, Public Safety Director; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director (4:40 p.m.).

Others present: Karl Evers-Hillstrom, Daily Globe.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

Budget Discussion

Public Safety - Director Troy Appel provided the following information regarding his proposed 2018 Public Safety budget:

- ERS - 2 unmarked vehicles, 1 marked vehicle, 1 CSO vehicle
Body cameras, storage and hardware
Additions - 2023 Replacement of K9 #2
2023 Replacement of six defibrillators
Emergency siren replacement
- Police Range Improvements
 - Insulate and finish the interior of the range training building
 - Replace the backstop and build up the berm
 - Blacktop Maintenance
 - Fence Repair

*Expenses to be covered through transfers from Police Programs and Training Reserves - estimated at \$10,000

- Emergency Response Unit, Force on Force and De-Escalation Training
 - Equipment and supplies such as simulated firearms, ammunition and related safety devices/components
- WPD Staff and service maintained at current levels
 - WPD staff currently operates with 24 sworn officers, 12 civilian employees and 9 reserves. Thirteen officers are assigned to the patrol division and five to investigations. The command staff consists of three patrol sergeants, one detective sergeant, one captain and the chief

Engineering - Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering noted the following for his proposed

2018 budget:

- 101-34109 - Engineering Surcharge - goes to "0" as there are no assessable projects that would have the surcharge attached
- ERS - Includes \$27,800 for replacement of the 2008 Ranger Pickup that was obtained from Public Utilities
- 101-41710-5549 includes funds for an additional piece of surveying equipment - a GPS unit
- 101-41710-1101 Personnel full-time includes the third technician approved earlier this year by Council
- 101-46130 Clean Water Partnership - \$15,000 funding each year for buffer strips, maintenance, etc. Typically ask for whatever they can get - \$50,000 to \$100,000 - Whatever is not spent goes into reserves, which they are tapping this year for the Prairie View Pond. There will be approximately \$323,000 remaining following the pond project, and they've asked for \$100,000 in the 2018 budget. We could move the \$78,000 that has been budgeted for Slater Park rip rap for several years and move it to the CWP. CWP does the recommending for use of those funds, not the City.
- 231-46513-3447 will have new assessments coming in on the Highway 59 improvements.
- CIP - two big items are the contract maintenance future at \$188,000, and the Eleanor, Skyline, Evelyn project at \$312,000

Council Member Harmon asked if the 10th Avenue bridge is included in the budget. Mr. Haffield said it was not - the discussion at the Council / Staff planning session earlier this year was for staff to complete an aesthetic repair on the bridge and to make it usable, but the overall plan was to look for future funding for the extensive project. Following additional discussion, Administrator Robinson said staff would pull those notes from the Planning Session.

(5 minute break for dinner - tape running)

Public Works - Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, noted the following regarding his proposed 2018 Public Works budget:

- Proposing a 3/4 position to replace a retiring employee and making one of the full-time positions into a full-time maintenance position
- Paved streets budget is down
- Ice and snow - right at where we need to be with materials - having a larger truck to haul snow should offset the increased fees for hauling snow to Pioneer Village instead of to Buss Field.
- Lake Improvement - concerned about moving forward with rip-rap at Slater Park - potentially making access harder

- ERS - \$195,000 withdraw for 2018 for a new truck/plow/sander
- Olson Park revenues are up - still working on upgrading to 50 amp services
- 229-45121 includes a 3% increase to the YMCA for recreation programs
- 229-45220-2223 - building repair supplies - up from \$10,000 to \$25,000 - steel holding tank at Buss Field that rusted out, needs to be replaced. Also includes a new furnace at the Park Shop Building
- 229-46120-2221 includes \$10,000 for required repairs to bucket truck
- ERS - \$23,000 withdraw for 4-wheel drive mule with a sprayer - they want to get tracks on it
- ERS - \$25,000 for Toro Workman - came from the golf course and needs repair - may not replace it with a new one however
- CIP - includes \$15,000 for upgrade to 50 amp service at Olson Park; \$30,000 for reconstruction of the Park Shop parking lot; \$33,333 annually for three years for replacement of Chautauqua Park playground equipment; and \$50,000 reserve this year and \$50,000 next year for the Slater Park Restroom project
- Airport - agricultural rents will stay the same - hangar rents will increase slightly
- Airport has "0" impact to the levy

Memorial Auditorium - Steve Robinson noted the following:

- Budgeting \$117,000 in tax revenue; \$59,700 in user fees/tickets
- Budgeted \$500,000 in proposed funding for new seats, coming from sales tax revenue - not sure if that's a correct number

Mr. Robinson said we have \$100,000 from the current sales tax extension and additional funds remaining after the closeout of the original local option sales tax. Council Member Cummings said replacement of the curtain was part of the seating plan. Discussion was held on the ticket sales position, which had been hired and paid for previously by the Friends of the Auditorium. It was also questioned whether the Manager's position could become full-time - staff will look into it.

DETERMINATION OF PRE-CERTIFICATION LEVEL - 2018 TAX LEVY

Mayor Kuhle asked for a discussion regarding the propose levy. Brian Kolander, Finance Director, noted the proposed levy was currently at 8.78%. as presented. Pre-certification needs to be done by September 15, 2017.

Consensus was to have a follow-up meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, September 1, 2017, to finish the budget discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

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The motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk