

City of Troy, Missouri
Budget Workshop of the Board of Aldermen
Wednesday, June 3, 2015
6:30 P.M.

Present for the meeting were Aldermen Eversmeyer, Detert, Sconce, Anderson, Bass and Mayor Cross. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Cunningham, Chief Taylor, Building Commissioner Lindsey, Treasurer Flinn, Water Superintendent Lourance, Parks Director Howell, Wastewater Superintendent Peasel and Deputy City Clerk Hawkins. Also Public Attendance included Mr. Westin Shafer, 55 Spring Branch Road.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Fiscal Year Budget 2016. Treasurer Flinn handed out revised Departmental Budget Requests and Budget Summary reports. She stated that revisions included a 3% wage increase (\$98,000.00); pending litigation included; moved debt service; server rack request back to General fund; electronic timekeeping divided among all funds; removed water tank; MS4 Permitrak software removed; right-to-connect fees bumped up from 28 to 35 connections; increased computer maintenance for archiving Facebook; \$850.00 added for ARCH GIS system; increased 911 dispatch fees going up in July; added #46 Buchanan Creek Reconstruction (new); and pointed out that yellow highlighted items were in another area and have been moved. Treasurer Flinn also stated that sales tax revenue in June is 31% higher than June 2014 and up 11% over last year.

Mayor Cross explained that 911 dispatching fees were increasing due to lack of land line use (taxed) and rising cell phone use (not taxed).

Alderman Detert confirmed with Treasurer Flinn that police car maintenance comes out of general fund and public works vehicles maintenance comes out of streets, water and sewer funds.

Public Works Superintendent Cunningham stated that #12 Portable Hydraulic Unit could be removed. Alderman Detert asked about #13 Gate Controls and Cunningham explained that the controls were barely working.

Alderman Anderson suggested moving items #30 Asphalt Overlay-Avery Parking & Trails and #32 Fairgrounds Parking to Capital Improvements fund.

Alderman Sconce suggested cutting #1 Additional Administration Employee; and #7 Maintenance Shed Addition. Officials generally agreed to cut #9 Outdoor Wash Bay.

Alderman Bass asked about time-keeping software.

Public Works Superintendent Cunningham stated that if #7 Maintenance Shed Addition was cut then #14 Furniture could be cut as well.

Discussion on Additional Administration Employee continued whether or not the position could be performed with seasonal or part-time employee. The position proposed would also back-up treasurer duties.

Alderman Sconce asked if one patrol car versus two would work. Chief Taylor explained that if reduced to one patrol car then maintenance budget would need to increase. Further, Chief Taylor explained the need to strategically plan ahead and the need for reliable patrol cars.

Discussion ensued whether to remove 3% salary increase and possible reactions. Mayor Cross discussed raising pay scales by 1.5% instead of 3%.

Alderman Eversmeyer asked about projecting flat sales tax revenues or increasing to match rising levels.

Alderman Bass questioned #17 bullet resistant interior windows.

Treasurer Flinn requested Building Official Lindsey to explain server rack. Lindsey explained the present server equipment had crashed several times this week and currently investigating what is causing the memory reduction.

Parks Director Howell offered to remove #42 Ice Maker from budget.

Alderman Anderson explained that #29 Parks Vehicle was justified at the last Budget Workshop.

Alderman Sconce preferred to keep sales tax flat. Alderman Anderson suggested moving items back to Capital Improvements that “fit the letter and spirit of the law.”

Discussion summarized that #1 Additional Administration Employee, #29 Parks Vehicle, 3% Salary Increase be added to June 15, 2015 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting agenda and budget cuts include #7 Maintenance Shed Addition, #9 Outdoor Wash Bay, #12 Portable Hydraulic Unit, ½ of #14 Office Furniture and #42 Ice Machine be removed. #30 Asphalt Overlay-Avery Parking & Trails and #32 Fairgrounds Parking be moved to Capital Improvements.

A Budget hearing will need to be set after June 15th but before June 30th. Mayor Cross asked Alderman Sconce if he had a suggestion on a street to repair out of Capital Improvements and it was suggested that Main at Monroe Street or Hickory Subdivision be considered.

Mayor Cross answered Alderman Detert’s question on whether Excalibur was included in 2015 Concrete Street Repair-Replacement Project that #39 Robin Hood Panel Replacement begins with Sleepy Hollow to Hwy J, then Shellbark next and maybe Excalibur next year.

Meeting adjourned 7:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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