

City of Troy, Missouri
Budget Workshop
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
6:30 P.M.

Present for the meeting were Aldermen Detert, Dunard, Grimstead, Horner, Norman, Jones and Mayor Sconce. Also present were Assistant Public Works Superintendent Burkemper, Building Official Lindsey, Police Chief Taylor, Parks Director Howell, Wastewater Managers Jared Comer and Greg Frieden, Water Superintendent Lourance, Treasurer Flinn and City Clerk Schneider.

Mayor Sconce opened the Budget Workshop at 6:30 p.m. and declared a quorum present. Several citizens and staff were in attendance including Troy Chamber Director Rachel South, April Bryant, Cheryl Holloway, Greg Turner, Chris Volland, and Jon Alfaro.

Treasurer Flinn presented FY2022 Budget Notes, (Preliminary) Budget Summary, Departmental Budget Requests and Capital Projects. Mayor Sconce encouraged questions and comments by Aldermen.

Alderman Detert asked about raising the Cherry Street Water Tower 7.5 feet found under S under Capital Projects. Water Superintendent Lourance said the flow of the 500,000-gallon tank was under-utilized due to hydraulics and placement near the other tower. The lowering of the tower would equalize flows for more utilization and prevent any future overflows onto Cherry Street.

Treasurer Flinn stated that the Cherry Street Improvement Project had been moved from the Street Fund to Capital Improvements Fund. Alderman Norman asked if all capital improvement projects were done by employees and Mayor Sconce replied not by employees but bid out for lack of equipment and staff for these large projects.

Chief Taylor clarified that the budget document showed a request for two police officers but instead wanted ten police officers. Chief Taylor explained that according to FBI statistics based on population, the department should have 32.5 officers as compared to 23 officers. Chief Taylor had asked for two police officers every year since 2007 but was denied yet population increased and crimes had become more violent.

Alderman Detert had performed researched and agreed with Chief Taylor that the department was 9.7 officers short. Alderman Detert supported the request.

Building Official Lindsey requested a vehicle due to the increase in staff to three persons in the building department. Building Official Lindsey also requested a flood study along the creek from Highway J to Witte Trucking.

Assistant Public Works Superintendent requested to add a public works employee impacting the funds of streets, water and sewer due to the administrative work increased by enforcing the fats, oils and grease ordinance of the Sewer Crew Leader. Public Works also requested two one-ton cab trucks with snowplows to replace two trucks at the end of their useful life. A tornado siren on the southwestern part of the City was put into the budget.

Parks Director Howell requested to reconstruct the pavilion torn down on the west side of Fairgrounds Park and a 6-foot brush hog for use by the Parks department as opposed to borrowing from Public Works.

City Clerk Schneider requested bullet-resistant fiberglass for walls, doors, dais and window for security in the lobby at City Hall, Board Room and Second Floor Police Window. City Clerk Schneider explained the need for electronic door locks since City Hall is used at night by scout troops for gaining access to City Hall without asking the police to come and open doors. City Clerk Schneider requested laptops, audio-visual equipment and sound mitigation panels for Board Room and offered examples used by other municipalities.

Treasurer Flinn explained that sonic wall 3-year license is for security and should be added into the budget as a needed, customary expense.

Wastewater Manager Comer said the seventeen-year-old crane truck with snowplow needed \$20,000 in repairs according to a most recent DOT inspection. Comer planned to purchase through the State's bidding program. Comer said that a spare pump was needed at the Whitetail Lift Station and a generator for use at the Hampton's or Wingate lift stations.

Chief Taylor said the Police Clerk planned to retire in August but he would like to keep the clerk on part-time, two days per week if possible.

Alderman Horner asked about the per foot price on the 8" sewer lining for Kuhne located on Item AA on Capital Projects.

Wastewater Manager Comer relayed that the trunk sewer line behind Bluffview should be added into the budget. Comer said it was jetted last year and needs a camera ran through it to put a budget number on it.

Alderman Jones said that using laptops would save a lot of money to go paperless.

Treasurer Flinn said the Mayor had put the HVAC unit into the budget located on the east side of the building affecting the Board room.

Mayor Sconce said Item Z on Capital Projects was budgeted to get rid of the Hampton's lift station.

Mayor Sconce said the change from two police officers to ten police officers adds \$750,000 to the red number on the General Fund budget.

The next Budget Workshop date will be determined at next week's Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.

The Mayor adjourned the Budget Workshop at 7:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Ron Sconce