

City of Troy, Missouri
Special Board of Alderman Meeting and Budget Workshop
Thursday, June 8, 2022
6:30 P.M.

Present for the Special Board of Aldermen Meeting were Aldermen Rachel Dunard, Guy Grimstead, David Norman, Harold Horner, Steve Jones, Dennis Detert, and Mayor Ron Sconce. Also present were Police Chief Jeff Taylor, Assistant Police Chief Dustyn Tienter, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Burkemper, Parks Superintendent Ryan Howell, Building Official Dave Lindsey, Wastewater Superintendent Jared Comer, Woodard and Curran Area Manager Greg Frieden, Treasurer Linda Flinn, Attorney Jesse Granneman, and City Clerk Tonya Hawkins.

Mayor Sconce called the Special Board of Aldermen Meeting to Order, announced a Quorum present, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Detert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dunard, to approve the purchase of a Server with SQL and Windows Licensing from IT Savvy in the amount of \$15,521.48 as Recommended by Alliance Technologies. Mayor Sconce explained the server for the court, administrative, finance, and building departments is nearing the end of its life. Vote: Detert aye, Dunard aye, Grimstead aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Jones aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Alderman Detert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Award Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement Bid to lowest/best bid received by Wehmeyer Farms, Inc. in the amount of \$174,500.00 as Recommended by Woodard and Curran. Vote: Detert aye, Horner aye, Jones aye, Norman aye, Dunard aye, Grimstead aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Alderman Grimstead made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to adjourn. Vote: Grimstead aye, Norman aye, Jones aye, Detert aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Sconce opened the Budget Workshop. Treasurer Flinn pointed out additions and changes since the previous Budget Workshop on May 12, 2022.

Treasurer Flinn asked for guidance on whether aldermen intend to approve a new compensation study and increase property taxes for 2022.

Mayor Sconce explained the General Revenue Fund is in the red by \$1,022,445. He discussed using \$150,000 from CARES Act funding for projects to address poverty and homelessness. The mayor also discussed using ARPA funds for major projects.

Alderman Grimstead said he would like to see the deficit lowered to half a million dollars.

Alderman Horner said the first item to remove is Request #1 for a city administrator. Aldermen Grimstead said that an administrator, at approximately \$150,000, was the biggest chunk of General Fund requests.

Alderman Grimstead asked about Request #5 for a Flood Study at \$110,000. Treasurer Flinn explained it could be held for ARPA funds. Official Lindsey explained there may be grant money available for the study.

Alderman Dunard asked where Request #13, a 50x80 Poly Machine Shed, would be constructed. Superintendent Burkemper explained the shed, which would cost \$43,500, would be located at the maintenance facility off Excalibur. It would be used as a shelter for equipment that is currently stored outside. Alderman Dunard asked if funds could be pulled from Streets, Water, and Sewer, instead of General Fund. Alderman Horner said he did not like that idea. Treasurer Flinn cautioned that Sewer funds are low.

Alderman Horner asked Official Lindsey about Request #6 for MS4 Engineering Services. Official Lindsey explained this would allow staff to consult with Woodard and Curran for compliance.

Alderman Grimstead asked Official Lindsey about Request #7 for a Comprehensive Plan. Official Lindsey explained the Comprehensive Plan would be updated and re-written. He said the last plan was adopted in 2000, but that the City could move forward without an updated plan, if necessary. Aldermen agreed to remove Request #7 from the budget.

Alderman Grimstead revisited Request #13 for a maintenance shed. He asked if a carport would work instead. Alderman Horner explained that a poly shed is essentially a carport. Treasurer Flinn said if taken from Streets, Water, and Sewer, as suggested, \$14,000 would come from Sewer.

Chief Taylor explained Request #16 for Two (2) Used 2021 Dodge Chargers. He said there are lots of miles on the current Tahoes used for the K9 unit. Assistant Chief Tienter explained one Tahoe has had an engine replaced. Assistant Chief Tienter said the department needs the cars, and he noted that he does not have a vehicle yet. Alderman Jones asked how many miles were on the used vehicles. Assistant Chief Tienter said between 50,000 to 55,000 miles are on the vehicles. Alderman Jones asked if ARPA funds previously designated to the department could be used for the purchase. Chief Taylor said he would like to save some ARPA funds for digital radios when the new 911 facility comes online.

Official Lindsey said he could do without Request #20 for a 2022 Ford Escape, and aldermen agreed to remove the request from the budget.

Chief Taylor explained that Request #22 for LEWeb Mobile Ticketing System was a safety matter and that it also saves officers time when issuing citations. Alderman Grimstead noted that Request #26 for Mobile Printers goes along with Request #22.

Treasurer Flinn suggested CARES Act funding for Request #25 for Upgrades to Warning Sirens (8).

Assistant Chief Tienter explained Request #27 for AXIS Case Insight Evidence Storage. He said image files have maxed out space on the current system. The proposed system would allow for cloud access.

Aldermen Jones and Dunard expressed that Request #28 for City of Troy Website Upgrade was necessary.

Mayor Sconce explained that the board needs to discuss the compensation study prepared by Evergreen Solutions. He said that would be an approximate addition of \$300,000, with a significant amount - approximately 70 percent - coming from General Revenue.

Treasurer Flinn explained the City has continued the rollback of property taxes at a rate of .15. If the City stopped the rollback, property taxes would generate \$359,907 more, she said. Alderman Grimstead said he does not want to pay more taxes, but he would be in favor of stopping the rollback. Mayor Sconce reminded the board that the rollback was a promise to residents that did not stipulate an end date. Treasurer Flinn said the tax rate would have to be addressed at the August board meeting. Alderman Dunard said she believes it is the intention of the board to stop the rollback.

Aldermen discussed the compensation recommendation from Evergreen Solutions for the Move Toward Market 3-Tier option with a step increase for the one-year delay in implementation.

Alderman Grimstead requested additional funding for sound panels in the City Hall board room. He received an estimate for \$15,000, and he would need approximately \$8,000 of that amount from the upcoming budget. He played audio of him clapping in the board room to demonstrate sound problems in the room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.