

City of Troy, Missouri
Budget Workshop and Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2023
6:30 P.M.

Present for the Board of Aldermen Workshop were Aldermen Steve Jones, Rachel Dunard, Gary Leifert, Harold Horner, Kay Diekemper, David Norman, and Mayor Ron Sconce. Also present were Parks Director Ryan Howell, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Burkemper, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Jared Comer, Woodard and Curran Business Development Leader Jennifer Anders, Building Inspector/ GIS Coordinator Luke Ottinger, Judge Gary Grunick, Police Chief Jeff Taylor, Assistant Police Chief Dustyn Tienter, Finance Director Linda Flinn, and City Clerk Tonya Hawkins. Attorney Jesse Granneman arrived later.

Mayor Sconce started the meeting at 6:34 p.m. He explained that adopting a budget is the most important job of an alderman. He explained the workshop was intended for the board and department leaders to discuss budget items. He said he would stay after the meeting to answer questions from the public. He turned the meeting over to Finance Director Flinn.

Finance Director Flinn explained changes to departmental requests. She said five steps were included for pay increases, as requested by Alderman Dunard.

Alderman Norman asked about adding a City Administrator to the budget. Director Flinn provided him with salary figures to add an administrator.

Police Chief Taylor asked Director Flinn about figures for vehicle purchases. Director Flinn said her figures include interest for lease purchase agreement. She added that interest rates are higher than she had previously seen.

Alderman Leifert asked about the request for a Comprehensive Plan. Inspector Ottinger explained that Boonslick Regional Planning Commission agreed to split payments over two years for \$22,500. He said the City is way behind the times and staff tries to regulate things using the building code. However, he said, the City is receiving requests for new things that are not covered in the current Comprehensive Plan. Inspector Ottinger said a comprehensive plan assists in preparing for forward growth.

Alderman Leifert commended the Building Department for making do with the current Comprehensive Plan, which was last updated in 2012.

Alderman Leifert noted that aldermen were dealing with a \$1.2 million deficit and that the board is considering a progressive upward trend. He asked at what point aldermen were going to ask taxpayers to kick in more tax money to pay for what aldermen want to do.

Alderman Leifert asked about Apple tablets for aldermen and the cost savings. Alderman Dunard said savings would come from printing paper for board packets, the city clerk's time to create packets, and police officers' time to deliver packets.

Alderman Dunard suggested that the Comprehensive Plan come from ARPA funds. Alderman Leifert said ARPA could be used for bigger projects.

Alderman Diekemper said the Police Department has ARPA funds that have not been used. Alderman Dunard said those funds are already earmarked.

Alderman Diekemper asked about delaying big ticket items until officials could see what the revenue stream will be later in the fiscal year. Alderman Horner said he could not see the board cutting anything from the Police Department's budget when there are rolling shootouts in Trojan Lake.

Alderman Leifert asked Alderman Norman if he was proposing to add a City Administrator to the budget. Alderman Leifert said he could not see how adding an administrator would offset anything. He said he did not see the benefit of an administrator.

Alderman Norman said the City needs an administrator and an engineer. Alderman Leifert asked Alderman Norman to tell him how to fund those positions.

Alderman Diekemper asked about the beginning fund for the fiscal year. Director Flinn directed Alderman Diekemper to the figure of \$5,691,129. Alderman Dunard said the shortfall for FY23 is about \$40,000. Director Flinn explained the budget is based on conservative revenues and possible expenditures.

Alderman Jones revisited Alderman Diekemper's idea to delay the purchase of big-ticket items. Alderman Diekemper said an example would be to purchase fewer Ford Escapes than requested until officials can see revenue numbers later in the year.

Major Tienter said if new vehicles are not purchased when needed, some officers must drive vehicles that could be unsafe.

City Clerk Hawkins said she could delay the purchase of Apple iPads.

Chief Taylor said he could transfer \$45,000 out of his uniforms and equipment budget to offset items such as the .com to .gov transition, printers, and bodycams.

Finance Director Flinn said a City Administrator's salary could come from several accounts because the administrator manages all departments. Alderman Horner expressed that a City Administrator could be hired for less than the quoted salary numbers. Alderman Jones pointed out that a City Administrator's pay does not include benefits typically negotiated with an administrator's salary.

Parks Director Howell explained he would scrap his request for a cemetery vehicle if he could use a vehicle from a department that is receiving newer vehicles.

City Clerk Hawkins asked to remove a request for a laptop for the Administrative Department.

Alderman Norman asked why grit removal was not included in costs for the new sewer plant. Staff explained there was a cap on loans. Development Leader Anders explained the need to reduce wear and tear on new equipment at the treatment plant.

Alderman Jones asked Chief Taylor if additional patrol vehicles could wait until the first of the new year. Superintendent Burkemper explained there is a window of availability for ordering. He said you cannot order vehicles if you miss the ordering window.

Aldermen reviewed departmental budget items one by one, and tentatively agreed on the following:

The removal of Items 11 (Apple Tablets + Gear), 18 (Dell Latitude Laptop), and 19 (Laserfiche Additional User).

Adding Items 13 (New ID Card Printer), 16 (Off-Site Body Cam Backup System), and 17 (Police Email Conversion from .com to .gov) to the current budget year.
Aldermen agreed Item 1 (Engineering Services for MS4) is a necessity and voiced no objections.
Alderman Dundard suggested using 02 General Fund Reserve funds for Item 2 (Comprehensive Plan & Planning and Zoning Ordinance).
Alderman Dunard suggested using 02 General Fund Reserve funds for Item 3 (Police Dept. Accreditation).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 4 (Sewer Van with CCTV System).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 5 (Two One-Ton Trucks, equipped).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 6 (Three 2024 Chevrolet Tahoes, Equipped).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 7 (Three New SUVs – 2023 Ford Escapes).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 8 (3/4 Ton Truck).
Director Howell agreed to scrap Item 9 (Parks/Cemetery Vehicle).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 10 (SAM Surveying & Mapping).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 12 (Police IT Room Enclosure).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 14 (Police Phones Conversion to FirstNet).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 20 (Trimble Catalyst DA2).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 21 (4WD Backhoe).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 22 (Skid Steer Loader).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 23 (JCB Telehandler, Leased).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 24 (Lift Station Pump Spare, Crooked Creek).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 25 (Zero-Turn Mower).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 26 (Lift Station Pump Spares, Wingate).
Alderman Dunard suggested using 02 General Fund Reserve for Items 27 (Tire Changing Machine) and 29 (Tire/Wheel Balancer).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item 28 (Lift Station Pump Spare, The Oaks).

Aldermen reviewed capital projects one by one, and tentatively agreed on the following:

Aldermen voiced no objections to Item A (Concrete Street Replacement).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item B (Asphalt Street Overlay).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item C (Asphalt Fairgrounds Park Parking Lot and Concession Drive). Alderman Dunard asked if the Tire Park could be included. Parks Director Howell said he would check on this.
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item D (Repaint Highway 47 Million-Gallon Water Tower).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item E (Waterline Replacement). Superintendent Burkemper explained this replacement would be along Lincoln Drive.
Aldermen discussed using ARPA funds for Item F (SE WWTF Grit Removal).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item G (Sewer Lining).
Aldermen voiced no objections to Item H (SCADA Site Installations, Wingate & Whitetail). Supervisor Comer explained this is critical.
Supervisor Comer said Item I (SE Plant Headworks Building Upgrade/Reuse) could be delayed. Mayor Sconce said we could revisit this after seeing where we are with the budget.
Supervisor Comer said Item J (Eastbrook Lift Station Rehabilitation) is necessary.
Supervisor Comer said Item K (Demolition of Hwy 46 Lab Building) is required.
Supervisor Comer said Item L (Manhole Rehabilitation) is necessary.

Mayor Sconce explained a roll call vote would be conducted at the June 22, 2023, board of aldermen meeting for an additional step pay increase and salary for a city administrator. He said if all items are approved as planned, the shortfall would be approximately \$1 million.

The workshop adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Sconce called the Special Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. He announced a quorum present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman to the Approve Consent Agenda. Vote: Jones aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye, Diekemper aye, Dunard aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Diekemper to Go Into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters. Vote: Jones aye, Diekemper aye, Leifert aye, Dunard aye, Norman aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Diekemper, to Exit Closed Session. Vote: Jones aye, Diekemper aye, Norman aye, Dunard aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Sconce read Bill No. 1373 as Ordinance ____ An Ordinance Of The City Of Troy, Missouri, Amending Section 220.030 Regarding The Collection Of Solid Waste Within The City Of Troy, Missouri, first and second times by title only. Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to adopt Bill No. 1373 as Ordinance ____ An Ordinance Of The City Of Troy, Missouri, Amending Section 220.030 Regarding The Collection Of Solid Waste Within The City Of Troy, Missouri. Vote: Jones aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye, Diekemper aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 6-0.

*Approved 2023 Liquor License Renewals:

Dos Primos
Dollar General #24533
Victory Lane Fuel & Food
Troy Movie House
Victory Lane Fuel
Troy Elks Lodge
Mustang Sally's
Good News/ Big Sticky's
Walmart
Dash Mart LLC
ALDI #35
Street Beanz Coffee

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dunard, to Adjourn. Vote: Norman aye, Dunard aye, Diekemper aye, Jones aye, Leifert aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Sconce

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