

August 21st, 2023 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

5:00 pm Council Chamber. Members Present: N. Johnson, G. Pedersen, A. Hraban

Others Present: A. Christianson I, A. Christianson II, Robert Grotzinger, A. Kenyon, T. Devine, D. Parker

Call to Order: Committee Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and presided.

Roll Call: Mr. Devine took roll. A quorum was present.

Discussion and possible recommendation on City Attorney's wages:

Mr. Kenyon presented information on the city attorney's wages, and the wages for municipal attorneys from neighboring communities. Mr. Kenyon advised that he has not seen a pay increase for over 20 years, and estimated that, at a 2% increase per year, over 20 years, his wage should be roughly \$33,000 per year. It was determined that this should be addressed during an upcoming Personnel Committee meeting. No motions made.

Discussion on Celebrations and Entertainment budget:

Mr. Parker presented the Celebrations and Entertainment budget. Most of the expenditure lines remained unchanged from 2023. Winter Magic was increased by \$500, and is funded by donations. The Swim Beach saw an increase in wages reflecting the addition of hours from 6 per day to 8. There is an additional \$12,000 added to replace the buoys. Mr. Devine explained that there is a fund balance of \$57,668.78 as of 8/11/23. This is the result of not spending the \$12,000 each year since a resolution was passed in 2008 (effective in 2009). A concession stand is planned for the Industrial Park ball field.

There were no adjustment requests.

Discussion on Cemetery Budget:

Mr. Parker explained the 2024 planned expenditures for the cemetery. The fuel storage building will be upgraded, and the gravel road that ties into the Servants of Mary's block will receive some resurfacing.

There were no adjustments requested.

Discussion on Solid Waste budget:

Mr. Parker presented the Solid Waste budget for 2024. There were no significant changes from 2023. The city will make the final payment on the 2021 garbage truck in 2024. After that, we will accumulate fund balance for 3 years before we purchase a new truck. The Solid Waste department operates on a break-even budget.

There were no adjustments requested.

Discussion on the Parks budget:

Mr. Parker has included \$12,000 for the purchase of a utility work vehicle (like a Mule or a Gator), as the city currently doesn't have one. Some of our park/trail work would be much easier if there were a way to transport equipment.

Also added is \$5,300 for a camera that connects to the existing surveillance system and monitors the Amphitheater.

Other plans for 2024 include roll-up windows for pavilions to replace the hanging doors currently in place, replacing garage doors at the park shop, and goose control (pending Council approval).

There were no adjustment requests.

Discussion on the Engineering budget:

Mr. Parker Explained that the Engineering budget is unchanged from previous years, except for the “Digitizing” line, which was reduced since most of the new data is generated digitally.

There were no adjustments requested.

Discussion and possible recommendation on school related items for auction:

Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by G. Pedersen, to recommend Council accept bids on:

Auction Lot 3 – Vintage Desks (\$5)

Auction Lot 4 – Wooden Cubbies (\$15)

Auction Lot 8 – Toilets (\$6)

Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion on the Economic Development budget:

Administrator Christianson presented the Economic Development budget. There are increases from 2023 in Advertising-Promo / General Ops (\$2,000), and Advertising-Promo / Visitors Center (\$3,278). The recent increase in the Room Tax caused an increase in projected revenue of \$22,750.

There were no adjustments requested.

Next budget meeting tentatively planned for Monday, September 18th, at 5:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by A. Hraban, seconded by G. Pedersen

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40pm