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Budget Meeting Minutes

City Council Chambers

Monday, April 15th, 2019

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Olson, City Clerk li, Aldermen Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Surratt

Alderswoman Chmielewski arrived at 7:32 PM
Alderman Robinson was absent

Also Present: Chief Bianchi, Director of Public Works / City Engineer Horak, EMA Director Ciciora, Water Superintendent Voelkel, Jeremy Moss, WSPY Reporter Jim Wyman; & Ward 4 Alderman-Elect Fred Kreinbrink

Wes Levy and Jennifer Yaggie, representing Lauterbach & Amen, were present to answer questions on the proposed 2019-2020 budget. Wes Levy distributed a salary compensation comparison for non-union staff showing salary increases of 1% - 3%. As shown, the impact on the budget would be a spread of \$13,846.00 - \$41,433.00. Impact on the budget for union staff will be \$57,843.00.

Two projects were added to the budget. The "Safe Route to Schools" is a \$230,000.00 project that the city has committed. The City will receive a \$200,000.00 grant and expend \$30,000.00 for engineering. The second project is the Pratt Road bridge. MFT funds cannot be used for the project, and it was suggested to allocate \$300,000.00 toward the estimated \$1 million for repairs. Engineer Horak advised that he has been applying for grant money on an annual basis without luck. No funding was budgeted last year for the Pratt Road project.

Topic of the new police station, estimated at a cost of \$4.3 million, was discussed in depth. Question was raised if the Council wants to continue with the project, and if so, how to fund. Alderman Redden pointed out that the City has raised the telecommunications tax, the sales taxes, and is proposing to raise the water / sewer rates. The necessity of a dispatch center was questioned. Also raised was the need for a SRO (School Resource Officer) and a canine unit. Chief Bianchi advised that the

schools contribute half toward the cost of a SRO, and the canine unit is funded through a private investor.

In order to budget for the new police station, Alderman Dell requested that the budget go back to the respective department heads and make their respective budgets as lean as possible that may result in reducing services to the community.

The tentative 2019-2020 annual budget will be available for public viewing on Thursday, April 18th. Another budget meeting will be scheduled for Monday, April 22nd immediately following the Regular Council Meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Committee, **motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Redden to adjourn the Budget Meeting 8:35 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**



Denise Li, City Clerk