

BUDGET WORKSHOP

March 7, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Medina, Deputy Mayor Schneider, Trustee Daly, Trustee Mitchell, Trustee Chichester, Water Maintenance Lead Operator Ron Krzywicki and Treasurer Coimbra.

Water – After review of the Water Budget, Mayor opens it to the board for any questions. Questions on what the equipment and the contractual line consisted of. In the equipment, Ron discussed that the health department recommends that we a fence around the pitless that is in the VFW parking lot. Next is the 2 meters which is to update the water plants existing meters which are antiquated. Ron explains that in the contractual the biggest difference is the correlation leak detections annual service fee. That includes him coming down once a month, instead of once a year. It also allows him to pinpoint a problem sooner than before.

Mayor discusses the utility line and states that he sees it was increased but feels like due to the contract that was just signed by the energy supplier that line should be increased by another \$20,000. Discussion on rising costs of electricity and board agrees to increase line by \$20,000.

Water Lead Operator, Ron discusses the need for Arden Booster Station to be updated. Discussion on the shape of it and its problems. Ron stated that he spoke to John Lanc and his recommendations on how to update. Ron stated that if anyone wants to go see what needs to be done, he would be happy to show them at the site. Trustee Daly asked about the cost. Ron stated that John Lanc from Lanc & Tully gave him a rough estimate and it would be \$350,000 or more. Trustee Daly asked how would we pay for that? The Treasurer states that we do not have this in the budget. The Mayor stated that we did put in for a grant for this project which was in conjunction with the carriage hill booster station as well and that was the one we didn't receive. Trustee Daly stated that she thinks we should go back out for that grant again. The mayor said we could try and resubmit for another grant. Treasurer Coimbra stated that we could partially pay for it with some capital contribution we anticipate getting soon. Ron states that in the future if we can avoid having booster stations in the developments, that would be the way to go. Ron states if you have a minimum pressure to the home a homeowner can install a pump, if they are not happy with the pressure. This would take the burden off the water department to fix equipment.

Water Lead Operator, Ron discusses the update of OR7 which is down on Commerce Drive, that has old galvanized pipe when it went in, similar to the River Road project. The galvanized pipe is literally rotting, and we got a quote from TAM of \$28,710, which this price could be increased by another 10 percent by the time the work is done.

Building Department – Mayor stated that this was pretty straightforward, so I didn't think it was necessary to have the building inspector come in. Everything is pretty much the same for his expenses and the building permits are lower due to the major projects almost being complete.

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Courts – Mayor stated that the honorable Bruce Schonberg had court in Woodbury so he was unable to make it. The Mayor stated that he discussed the budget with honorable Schonberg and has provided him with a copy of it so that he takes ownership of it. He was comfortable with having the fines revenue line at \$150,000. The only significant change is that the Acting Judge will now get paid only when they fill in for the Judge and that will be \$250.00 each time. Discussion on how that will work. The part time clerk will be going back to 15 hours per week. Discussion on having court on a regular basis and how that should help with the revenue.

The Treasurer gave an update on the lines that were changed due to the last budget workshop meeting.

- A. 3120. 200 Police Equipment - \$60,267
((\$3,800 furniture, \$55,467 car, and \$1000. Bullet proof vest, to out \$18,000 for body cams)
- B. 3120.407 Police Contractual Agreement \$5,800
(Added an additional \$1,200 to that line for scheduler program)
- C. A.5142.400 Snow Contractual expenses – bring down to \$30,000
- D. A2615 Police Grants – bring down to \$1,000 for vests removing body cam grant

The board discussed the salaries for all non-contractual salaries.

The board agreed with the recommendation of a 3% increase for all non-union office staff and Trustees. The new full-time court clerk will not be increased in June. They also agreed with \$25,000 annually for the mayor.

MOTION WAS made by Trustee Daly to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

SECOND by Trustee Chichester

ALL IN FAVOR

Submitted By: Marie Coimbra, Treasurer