

Special Council Budget Meeting

July 22, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Linda McCowan @ 6:00 PM.

Roll Call--Mayor, Linda McCowan, President of Council, Deb Bader, Council Persons, Chris Mead, Vickie Alsup and Phyllis Agee---all present. Dorian Frances---absent.

Vickie Dreiling from Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball was given the floor as City's representative in preparation of Budget. She walked the Council through twelve pages of the proposed 2016 Budget. Vickie pointed out that if the Council chooses to exceed their spending authority there is a new State law to abide by. It requires Council to pass a resolution to exceed the spending authority, they must then publish the resolution and after a public hearing Council must publish its' vote on the resolution to exceed spending authority.

Vickie questioned Council about their list of proposed values for various budget items. Deb Bader listed Fire truck expenditures at \$10,000, new Mower at \$10,000, install fire hydrant on the Water Tower at \$5000, need for emergency generators at \$5000 and need for Municipal Court tear-down fund at \$10,000. Deb mentioned that \$7000-9000 on Fire Truck would most likely still be coming out of the 2015 budget. A need to consider new City sirens was mentioned, no dollar cost attached. Street Improvement fund has \$20,000 budgeted for 2016. Council foresees the need for additional sand and gravel, felt this was adequate. Vickie recommended using the Special Highway Fund for filling cracks in pavement of two streets in town. Council discussed that there is a need for a volunteer firemen incentive package. This will be handled in a later council meeting.

Overall Vicki says the City is in good shape with the tax levy lid. The mill levy was discussed and recommendation by ABB&B was acceptable.

At the end of the year Council will need to do a resolution transferring \$15,000 from the Sewer Fund to Sewer Reserve Fund.

Additional funding for park improvement was discussed. It was noted that the Beautification committee will be bringing new information to Council meeting in August. Deb Bader suggested getting some figures together for 2017 Budget for Park Improvement needs.

Special Budget hearing was set for August 6, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Deb Bader **motioned** to adjourn meeting, Chris Mead seconded. Carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

Minutes approved on August 3, 2015

Mayor, Linda McCowan Linda McCowan

City Clerk, Cathy Grover Cathy Grover