

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD APRIL 25, 2016, AT 5:30 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Pfeifer called the budget work session to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Elinski, Mayor
Ruben Jauregui, Vice Mayor
Kyla Allen, Council Member
Deb Althouse, Council Member
Linda Norman, Council Member
Tosca Henry, Council Member
Karen Pfeifer, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bartosh, City Manager
Matt McLean, Deputy Clerk
Steve Horton, City Attorney
Rudy Rodriguez, Administrative Services General Manager

FUNDING OF OUTSIDE AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE CORE SERVICES

Old Town Association

Mike Anderson, the new President of the Old Town Association, reviewed the programs they did last year with the city's funding and asked for the city's continued support, and did not ask for any additional funding.

Council Member Allen stated Mike Fitzpatrick, the owner of Olive Oil Company, made it clear that the OTA didn't need the city's money and he would donate \$5,000 to OTA.

Mr. Anderson stated that was not money from the city that was money for Thunder Valley Rally. Last year the OTA received funds from TVR, but this year we are not. So Olive Oil Company would be donating money for this year to cover TVR.

Senior Center

Elaine Bremner, from the Senior Center, asked for any additional funding for their Meals on Wheels program.

Old Town Center for the Arts

William Eaton reviewed the accomplishments for the Old Town Center for the Arts, and what they bring to the area. He stated he was not asking for any additional funding.

The Adopt for Life Center for Animals

Mr. Rodriguez stated they have not asked for any additional funding.

Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Rodriguez stated all the bed tax goes straight to them, and it is divided up between the Cottonwood Economic Council and the Chamber of Commerce. We are estimating they will received \$213,000. 85 percent of the \$213,000 goes to the Chamber of Commerce, and the other 15 percent goes to the Cottonwood Economic Council.

Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG)

Mr. Rodriguez stated NACOG took over the utility assistance program and we will continue to contribute up to \$10,000, with an option for \$5,000 if needed, to assist citizens with their water bills.

Departmental Budgets

Engineering Services

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the engineering services budget.

Public Works

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the Public Works budget.

Transfer Station

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the transfer station budget, which has a 1.8 percent increase.

Building Maintenance

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the building maintenance budget.

Mayor Elinski asked what the plan is once all the Civic Center improvements are complete.

Mr. Rodriguez stated we will have to set up a new structure for the use of the facility in order to bring in enough revenue so we can maintain the facility in the future. In the past what we have charged is minimal.

Mr. Bartosh stated we have minimal staff to do maintenance, so it is a squeeze.

Mayor Elinski stated he would like to have council weigh in on how that building is used, and how we generate income from it or not.

Water

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the water department budget, which includes building a new waterline along Highway 260 to provide redundancy in that area. That project was included in the WIFA financing.

Mayor Elinski asked if it includes sewer as well.

Mr. Rodriguez stated when they went to finance with WIFA the project needed to be a water project only, so they couldn't bundle it with a sewer project.

Wastewater

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the wastewater department budget, which includes construction costs of a little over a million dollars for the continued construction of the Riverfront reclamation plant.

Council Member Henry asked what the transfer in line item was.

Mr. Rodriguez stated those are the reserves that we allocated for the wastewater treatment plant construction.

Airport

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the airport budget.

Street Maintenance & Construction

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the street maintenance and construction budget, which includes \$2.2 million for the Mingus Street project.

Mr. Bartosh stated they also increased the pavement preservation and sidewalks by 25 percent each.

Mr. Rodriguez stated they will be transferring \$987,000 into the HURF (Highway User Revenue Fund) fund for these types of projects.

Mayor Elinski asked how we are going to replace the street lights along Main Street.

Mr. Bartosh stated for now we are able to replace them, but they have actually stopped making those street lights. They are making us six more lights, and our insurance does cover it when someone hits them. We will probably not be able to get anymore after we use up the six we are ordering, so we will probably need to look at a different style.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Pfeifer moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Allen, and carried unanimously.

The budget work session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Tim Elinski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Matt McLean, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a budget work session of the City Council of the City of Cottonwood held on April 25, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and that a quorum was present.

Matt McLean, Deputy Clerk

Date