

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET WORK SESSION - AUGUST 30, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Mike Kuhle with the following Council Members present: Scott Nelson, Diane Graber, Larry Janssen, Mike Harmon, Rod Sankey.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Tammy Makram (8:24 a.m.).

Others present: Chad Cummings; KWOA; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe; Chris Kielblock, Jessica Velasco, Alan Oberloh.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Public Works - Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, said the Public Works budget included \$30,000 to the projected 2016 budget and in the 2017 budget for the mosquito spray program approved earlier this year. An increase in miscellaneous advertising is also attributed to the mosquito spray program. Budgets for ice and snow, signs and signals and spring clean up are pretty much unchanged.

Public Works ERS - includes \$52,168 of new money to add to reserves to withdraw \$200,000 to replace a 1998 Ford truck, and includes an add to reserve figure of \$31,534 to replace a 2001 International truck in 2018. It also includes an add to reserve of \$6,122 for a withdraw of \$12,000 to replace a disc mower, and an add of \$5,000 for a withdraw in 2017 of \$15,000 for a 4 in 1 loader bucket. Additionally, the ERS includes an add/withdraw of \$2,500/\$9,000 for a plow and hitch to fit the new truck, and an add to reserve of \$5,204 for a snow plow. Mr. Wietzema said some of the add to reserve amounts will need to be adjusted in the future to make the goal amounts.

Lake Improvement - no changes.

Airport - the airport budget does not affect the levy as it is self sustaining. Staff reported that some of the rents are behind, some seriously. Current leases expire at the end of this year so they will be renegotiated. Staff is working to collect the delinquencies. Three pieces of equipment are in need of being replaced but won't be pursued until state grant money is received.

Recreation - includes a slight increase in fees to the YMCA for management of the City's recreation programs.

Parks - ERS includes a \$7,000 add to reserve to replace a 1994 Cushman truckster. Council Member Graber requested that she would like staff to look at the possibility of adding a flat percentage to each department for reserves.

The capital improvement schedule includes \$15,000 for upgrades to electric services at Olson Park, and \$40,000 to overlay the Centennial tennis courts. Funds from the safety loss fund will be used toward the replacement of the Olson Park shelter that was damaged during a storm, and \$15,000 has been included for updates of the Band Shell in Chautauqua Park.

The tree maintenance budget has been increased because of the damage from storms.

Memorial Auditorium

Revenue from ticket sales is budgeted at \$35,000 - Tammy Makram, Auditorium Manager, said the student series is not going to exist, as it was funded by the Collaborative and the series was cut as not meeting their criteria. The attendance numbers for movies at the Auditorium are growing each weekend, and are close to expected.

The budget for salaries is increased for 2017 to accommodate the increase in hours.

Prairie View Golf Course/Soccer Field

The 2017 budget for the soccer complex is \$80,688 and is a new budget. The salary and benefits for Kevin Black, Greenskeeper for Prairie View Golf Course has been split 50/50 between the golf course and the soccer complex. The 2017 budget for the golf course is \$104,314, and between the two entities is a \$185,000 impact to the levy. Total revised budget for the golf course in 2016 is \$178,677. Steve Robinson said they are anticipating that the establishing of the soccer fields will take more attention the first year, but the bottom line is that the impact on the levy for the salary is the same no matter how Mr. Black's time is allocated. Discussion was held on the use of Prairie View equipment at the soccer fields.

Council took a five-minute break.

Mayor Kuhle noted Council would need another meeting prior to setting the pre-certification level. He also inquired when the last time was that the contribution levels from the Liquor Store and the Utilities were looked at. Staff noted that the a minimum increase needed to cover labor and insurance increases is 6.54%.

Brian Kolander noted that Council would pre-certify at their September 12, 2016 meeting. Steve Robinson noted the target is under 10%. A list of potential cuts will be compiled and they will confer with staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Sankey and

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unanimously carried adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk