

The meeting was called to Order by Ald. Frings at 7:00 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Smith, Ald. Olson, Ald. Frings, Ald. Forster, Ald. Toellner, Ald. Henkel

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Boelk, Christine Churchill, Chief Ketchem, Lt. Toellner, Tom Jaquot, John Wild, Doug Wickersham, Greg Zipfel, Sara Decker

Item #2 Citizens Comments.

None.

Item #3 Discuss/Recommend 2019 Fuel Bids.

Greg explained the bids and went through the gallons used. Kwik Trip's bid was \$0.10, Cole was \$0.05 and BP was \$0.135. Off road is only available at Cole. There was discussion on the prices. There was a question as to whether the lowest prices has to be chosen. It was noted that EMS and police like Kwik Trip due to the 24-hour availability. They questioned if BP has 24/7 at the pump. There was discussion on the access to the diesel pump.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Forster to table the topic until they have more information if BP is 24-hour access and there is access to the diesel pumps. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 Discuss 2019 Budget items.**A. TAG Center**

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Forster to table the TAG Center budget. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Parks & Rec

The park expenses pretty much mirror their expenses from last year. They added additional summer help to help with lawn/weeds. There is senior center money that is spent on the senior center. The trust money they raise themselves. There were adjustments to the recreation budget. There is less usage of the leagues which means less concessions. The fireworks are also in the budget though it is all donated funds.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Toellner to approve the Park & Rec budget. Motion carried 6-0.

C. Library

The budget is consistent from 2018-2019. There is a slight increase. There was discussion on the dodge county library and the library trust fund.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Forster to approve the library budget. Motion carried 6-0.

D. General Admin

This includes the Council, Mayor, Clerk, Comptroller. The numbers from the state aids and transportations is now added in. There is an increase in city attorney fees and health insurance cost. The election cost was reduced as there will be less elections in 2019, but will increase again in 2020. Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Frings to approve the general admin budget. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Utility

The budget was submitted from the utility department. There are a couple issues. This was done without getting the updated health insurance rates, so that will need to be adjusted and they do not have the wage increases from the city. Ald. Smith talked to Nathan and Greg. It will need to be tabled temporarily until the changes are made. There was discussion regarding staying on budget with wages.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Forster to table the Utility budget. Motion carried unanimously.

F. TIF #3

Ehlers met with Ald. Frings and the Mayor. They are looking at closing TIF #3. The budget needs to include the bond payments unless they are closed in 2018. There was discussion on the final numbers and closing the bonds. The first step is to approve the resolution and file it with the state. There will be an audit. It was noted that if there is money left over the council may want to put it to TIF #4 as it will have a shortfall.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Toellner to approve the budget for TIF #3. Motion carried 6-0.

G. TIF #4

TIF #4 is still budgeted as a deficit based on the projected cost. There was discussion on the history of TIF #4. If it closes in 2030 there will be a \$60,00 deficit. They will have a better understanding in 2020.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Frings to approve the budget for TIF #4 anticipating a payment by the end of the year to reduce the balance. Motion carried 6-0.

H. TIF #5

There is a small projected deficit for 2019. TIF #5 is in a healthier position. It is projected to close in 2033 which is 1 year early. The dark store money bill may have an effect on the outcome. It can be extended 3 times. They want more development to help improve the losses.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Toellner to approve the TIF #5 budget. Motion carried 6-0.

I. Contribution Chamber of Commerce

This had been tabled to determine how much the Chamber was requesting. Last year they got \$5,000. The \$5,000 is supposed to be used mainly for Audubon Days and not general operations. They are using it for festivals to benefit the city. If they are losing money the city may want to take a look at it.

Motion by Ald. Frings, second by Ald. Toellner to approve \$5,000 for the Chamber. Motion carried 6-0.

J. Contribution Lions Club Polka Dances

There was discussion that there was a request to help the polka dances the way other organizations are getting contributions. There was not a number requested or a formal presentation. The polka dances currently get a discounted rate on the hall. There was discussion on the costs. It was noted that they do a great job with the dances and it brings money to the community. However, if the Lion's Club wants donations for the dances, it should come from them.

No action.

K. Insurance; property, liability, workers comp

EMC has indicated that the 2 year loss ratio was at 86%. The current underwriter said there should be a minimal increase/if any. Our agent is going to request a decrease. They budgeted for a 0% increase. They plan on staying with EMC unless he comes through with a lower rate.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Frings to approve last year's rate with the anticipation it may change for the better. Motion carried 6-0.

L. State Aids

The actual numbers are now in. The overall increase is \$5,000. Greg is waiting for the total equalized value to come in.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Olson to approve the state aids. Motion carried 6-0.

M. Golf Course

There is money budgeted for the golf course on an annual budget. This year there will be rent of \$8,000 and the following year \$12,000. Not all of the issues have been resolved. There was discussion on the Bachhuber donation for drainage. There are still trees to be removed. They also discussed the heating elements.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Toellner to approve the golf course budget. Motion carried 6-0.

N. EMS Revenues

This was tabled. They were deciding whether to stay at \$310,000 or go up to \$320,000. Christine and Julie were comfortable moving to \$320,000 however depending on the resolution of the ambulance agreements.

Motion by Ald. Forster, second by Ald. Olson to table the topic. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Special Requests from Department Heads

No special requests at this time.

Motion by Ald. Forster, second by Ald. Henkel to leave open until the budget is complete. Motion carried unanimously.

Item # 5 Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion by Ald. Toellner, second by Ald. Henkel to convene into closed session. Motion carried 8:38 pm.

A. Review and recommend 2019 salary and wages

B. Reconvene into open session with possible action.

Motion by Ald. Olson, second by Ald. Henkel to reconvene into open session at 8:38 p.m.

No action.

Item #6 Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Forster, second by Ald. Olson to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Decker, City Clerk