

HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Homedale City Hall
31 W. Wyoming Street

June 03, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Budget Meeting Minutes

Presiding: Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Council Present: Steve Atkins, Aaron Tines, Jerry Anderson, Mike Aebischer (by phone)

Guests: See attached

Staff Attending: Alice E. Pegram, Bret Smith, Sharla Jensen, Andrew Arnold

Mayor Christoffersen opened the Budget Workshop Meeting;

General Fund: Mayor Christoffersen suggested an Activity Committee in place of the Youth Council. Everyone was in agreement. Councilman Tines asked about the building maintenance; Alice said that was to paint the outside of the building. Economic Development was increased by \$10,000; making it \$35,000. Councilman Tines said they had discussed in last year's budget Bret was to get prices on the LID Projects. Bret said he would and he would guess around \$15,000 to \$20,000. Mayor Christoffersen said all French Drains should be the large ones when in the business sections.

Streets/Hwy: City Support increased approx.. \$13,000. Bret said he added \$5,000 to the equipment line item.

Parks & Rec: City Support went up almost \$25,000. Councilman Tines said he would like the RV Park revenue to stay for improvements for the RV Park. The Council would like to add spaces and power updates to the RV Park. They would also like to get a storage shed for the camp hosts. (approx..\$4,600) Mike said he would talk to the builders and see if they will donate or give us a break on the shed. Money was added to the pool expense line item; hoping to build up for repairs.

Mayor Christoffersen said the weed line item was going to go up every year.

Disc Golf line item; talk of moving it to the Sundance Park area. No decision was made. Mayor Christoffersen asked Bret to discuss with Shane and see their thoughts on it being moved to Sundance Park.

Bret said he also raised the equipment line item.

Library: Sharla said the budget was pretty much the same as last year. She stated she carried over some of the grant monies due to not knowing when the project would be completed.

Councilman Aebischer suggested figuring the raise; 3%, and then divide that equally up for each employee. So everyone would receive the same dollar amount. It was discussed, but not accepted.

Police: Jeff was absent; Officer Arnold gave a presentation on leasing of vehicles and Tasers. (See attached for the lease options) The lease option on vehicles would amount to leasing the vehicle then we purchase the vehicle for \$1.00 at the end of the lease. He added the vehicle comes complete; ready to go; striped, emergency equipment, radios; all is included. He added they would have 2 vehicles on the lease at a time.

Councilman Tines and Councilman Tines feel we should do the 5 year lease. Mayor Christoffersen said he feels the 3 year lease would be best. The Council believed the vehicle lease would be the way to go; they also asked for the cameras in the prisoner compartment. He was asked to find out if it is an annual lease or monthly lease; and if it's wrecked would we get another vehicle? They all agreed on a 3 year lease. Mayor Christoffersen asked Andrew to come back with exact dollars.

The Mayor and Council suggested they purchase half the Tasers now out of this year's budget and if there is enough in the budget; purchase the others in September.

Andrew asked that the canine expense be increased. Currently the expenses are covered by Karl's dog; Goose fund. The Council discussed since Brady belongs to Karl; he should use that fund and since Trixie belongs to the City; her expenses should come out of the City's budget. The Council approved Trixie's expenses coming out of the police fund. Alice was asked to check into what exactly would be covered on the dogs.

Mayor Christoffersen suggested Jeff take some off of other accounts and add to the canine line item.

The council also suggested he purchase a backup gun out of this year's budget. The budget was increased \$25,000 for a possible software purchase; if the County goes to E-Tickets they would have to also. Mayor Christoffersen said the software could cost the City \$100,000; we have to wait and see.

Bret: Water: Bret stated he went up \$5,000 on equipment and approx.. \$2,000 on other items. He added he budgeted for a new laptop; his current one is 5-6 years old. Mayor Christoffersen asked Bret to start exercising the meters and doing upgrades as needed. Mayor Christoffersen said he would like to see the city go to a satellite read; but now it's too expensive. The Council did discuss going to this in the future; Bret said all meters would need to be GPS.

Sewer: also added for equipment; and he added some for lab analysis and sewer line cleaning. He also bumped contingency by \$5000.

Airport: Bret said he left the grant monies in due to the fact there would not be an airport grant this year. There is an issue with the engineer not following through with the FAA.


Irrigation: Alice stated per our auditor she added a new line item: City Support. Increasing fees was discussed; Alice stated we already raise the fees 3% per year.

Wages: Councilman Aebischer suggested giving a 3% to a department and splitting the total equally between each employee. Councilman Atkins said he didn't like that idea. It was finally decided a 3% across the board increase for all employees. One exception; Deputy Clerk was raised by 6.4%. No Merit at this time.

Mayor Christoffersen asked if the Council had any further questions on the budget; they had none.

Mayor Christoffersen adjourned the meeting.


Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor

Attest: 
Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk