

Budget Worksession
April 29, 2009
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Present: Councilors McKenzie, Freeman, Laitila, Belej, and Hainault.
Absent: Councilor Gemignani and Slivon.

Also present: City Clerk Karen Haischer, Manager Anderson, Doug Hayrynen, John Gedda, Scott Dickson, Mark Dennis and Mike Beaudoin.

Posted Agenda:

Call to order by Mayor William Laitila, roll call.
1st session - Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Spring cleanup schedule:
Friday, May 1st 7 am to 7 pm
Saturday, May 2nd 7am to 7pm

Council citywide cleanup schedule:
Saturday May 9th 8:00am Breakfast @ Jim's Pizza
9:00a.m. to Noon cleanup

The Bridge - has an article on Condon Field.
HCH has 29 students applying to FU this year

Gas Tax decrease 4.6%
Local Street (County Rd tax) down
One employee has requested the opt-out of insurance, which is a savings
Budgeted \$4500 toward the City share of a new snowmobile for the Maasto Hiihto
Budgeted \$6500 for a new copier
No street paving is budgeted this year

Reviewed:

Sales Tax Revenue
01/02 was \$610,000 down in 09-10 to \$450,000
Payroll is under control
Motor Vehicle Debt
-Vactor Truck is not listed.
Snow removal expenditures are up.
Special Events
State (Federal Stimulus money)
City applied to the COPS Program for two positions, if funded this year would save \$75,000.
Sewer Fund is not cash flowing, fund is short. Revenues decreased 15%.
Recommendation to increase the sewer rated from \$4.88 to \$5.65
Would introduce ordinance at the May meeting, adopt in June and effective for the June, billing.
Hainault - Can we have a different rate for large volume users instead of an increase across the board? Maybe change the flat fee from \$3.95 for residents to increase like the water flat fee based on water meter size.

DPW - Doug Hayrynen, DPW Director

1. Snow Removal request
 - Sander
 - Snow-GoNeed a 3rd sander either new or used for about \$90,000.
Snow-Go would cost about \$140,000
2. Dump Truck to replace #2
 - Could rent one as needed, if we can't purchase
3. Grader

4. Trackless sidewalk cleaner.
5. Ernie Luttinen, is looking to retire this fall (grader operator) need to replace his position.
6. Garage Maintenance:
 - Boiler System - Wilmers to look at system and what has to be replaced down the line.
 - Overhead doors - Keweenaw Overhead doors to check out.
 - Locks on the main doors need to be replaced as they are wearing out.
 - Walk in doors have to be weather stripped.
7. Projects:
 - Navy Street, road by old DPW site (design, layout and engineering)
 - Ingot Street (sewer)
 - Sewer clean with our new vactor truck.
 - Poplar Street and Campus Dr. (ditching problems)
 - Parks need some new garbage cans \$1000
 - Driving Park needs some field maintenance
 - Purchase a sewer camera \$10,000
 - Purchase a propane tank container \$500
 - Purchase a container for drugs @ DPW Garage
 - Purchase a cut off saw for cutting pipe \$1200

Old Pipe and Valves (for scrape) about 2400 #'s
Should we wait until the price goes up until we dispose of them.

Police Department, Mike Beaudoin, Chief

1. Offices are in good shape.
2. Vehicles are in good shape. Looking to purchase a new vehicle in 2012.
3. Equipment needs
 - Two tazer guns with a camera \$2500
 - Another car video recorder for \$5000
 - New radar unit \$1395
 - One new computer \$1000
 - Stinger spike system \$350 for 10" or \$489 for 15"

Fire Department, Gedda, Dennis and Dickson

1. Tournament Allowance 21 fireman x \$55/each
2. Insurance for CC Firemen Association \$1000 10% increase
3. Test ariel ladder truck
 - piggyback with Houghton for testing (stress test) \$950
4. Ground ladders (9) testing @ \$50/each \$450
5. Air Packs 10 tested up to \$50/each \$500
6. Pump Testing \$200/each x 3 \$600
7. Equipment
 - replace 5 handheld radios
 - one set turnout gear \$1500
 - brackets and supplies
 - Power saw \$1200
 - one new dress uniform

Must attend school before you can come on full-time to the Department.

Check Driving Record

Fire Department is about 3.97% of the General Fund Budget.

Department did put in for a FEMA Grant.

-Clothing Allowance \$50/\$100 per year

\$990.24/month Firemen \$40, Officers \$43, and Chief \$50 / month

Review of the General Fund.

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej approving a sponsor fee of \$150.00 to the Relay for Life for this year.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor McKenzie that this special budget worksession be adjourned. Time: 8:18 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Next budget worksession is Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Adjourned: Time: 8:18 p.m.

William Laitila, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk