

Budget Worksession
April 25, 2012
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Present: Councilors Hainault, Belej, Slivon, Moore, McKenzie and Haeussler.
Absent: Councilor Laitila

Also present: City Clerk Karen Haischer and Manager Glenn Anderson, Mike Beaudoin, Joe Neher, Mark Dennis and Brian Rimpela.

Posted Agenda:

Scheduled Budget Worksessions:

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 10, 2012 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Agenda, April 25th session

- a) Memo Fire Department presentation on budget & capital expenditures by Chief Gedda.
- b) Memo Police Budget, operations and capital expenditures by Chief Beaudoin.
- c) Memo DPW budget, operations and capital expenditures.

Fire Department Request: Mark Dennis

2012 Tournament allowance increase \$55 \$1,155.00

Insurance for Fire Department (slight increase)

Apparatus & Equipment:

Maint. Aerial ladder test	\$450	
Air pack, air tank & ground ladder testing	\$500	
Pump Test 3 trucks	\$900	
Yearly maint. – trucks	\$6800	
		\$8650.00

Equipment (radios, hose, air tanks, protective gear, etc) \$7000.00

Misc supplies (foam, batteries, etc.) \$1000.00

Total \$19,055.00

Note: The Fire Department needs to start replacing turnout gear and fiberglass air tanks which have expiring life expectancy. Each air tank costs about \$700 and turnout gear sets cost about \$2300 each. We received much of the equipment at one time when we were awarded a purchase grant many years ago. Our aluminum air tanks must be tested every 5 years but they don't have a shelf life unless they don't pass the test (they weigh much more than fiberglass).

The Department ordered and will purchase a new camera for \$8056.00 and hose for \$3000.00.

Looking to replace carpet at the Fire Hall for a cost of \$2,885. The Department would consider paying for the exterior cleaning of all trucks at their expense of \$1800 for the City would buy the carpet.

Police Department Request: Chief Mike Beaudoin

The new Tahoe should be in St. Ignace in about two weeks.

Bullet resistant vest are need. Ten vests at a cost of \$4000-\$5000

Working on a grant to cover up to 1/2 the cost.

Handheld Radar is over 20 years old. Replacement cost \$2300

Need to replace computers (3)

Received two free radios but only one charger. Would like another charger.

Maybe purchase another Tazer Gun.

Chief Beaudoin stated he is eligible for retirement in February.

DPW Projects:

Sent the City's EVIP Plan to the State with week.

DPW Direction Position has not been filled. Waiting on results regarding Doug's health.
Up two five DPW employees are eligible for retirement.

Grants

-MNRTF Navy Street board walk \$259,000
DDA match of \$91,000
-116 Quincy Street
\$70,000 program income commitment (CDBG funds) paid \$40,000
-Gartner's Building, 102 Quincy Street
\$20,000 cash (CDBG funds)
-3,000 prel. design done
\$6000 in-kind w&S
-PassPort \$45,000 (General Fund)
\$15,000 local match
\$10,000 in-kind
-Small Urban \$125,000
Campus Dr. West \$31,250 (Major Street Fund)
Engineering
-DPW Boiler Replacement
Estimated cost \$13,000 (Motor Vehicle Fund)
-Otis Elevator upgrade \$4,142 (General Fund)
-Campground wireless \$11,273.68 (General Fund)
-FinnFest Contribution
Sister City Visit, Porvoo Finland (General Fund)
FinnFest dinner event
ToldBoys ice time in June \$3000
-Sequicentennial Events Gala
April 12, 2013 Dinner (General Fund_
-MML Annual Convention
October 3-5 at Mackinac Island
-Valley View Estates Project (Local Street TIFA)
Materials paid for by Campioni's \$85,000
Will dedicated a 3 person city crew for project.

Reviewed impact on the City with the loss of personal property tax.
Proposed \$40,000 or less taxable value eliminated as of January 1, 2013 (General Fund Revenue)

How can Houghton levy 15.000 mills?

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Slivon that the budget worksession meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:24 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

All Councilors were properly notified and this meeting was posted.

James Hainault, Mayor Pro-Tem

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk

Next budget worksession is Thursday, May 10, 2012, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.