

CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 24 2019
6:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Curtis L. Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM for the purpose of discussing next draft of the departmental budgets.

ROLL CALL

Present was Mmes. Lisa Carter, Stacey Cline, Bonnie Enlow and Deb Huffman as well as Mr. Kenny Newton. Mr. Larry Hatfield was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget

The Mayor led the way in noticing items that had been highlighted. Ms. Kellerman informed everyone that the blue was for police, red for fire, peach could indicate items on which information was still pending.

On the Total Income line for FY 19 Actual/forecasted the total was listed as 11.209, while for FY 20 the total was listed as 14.430.

Ms. Carter asked about the HR person, if their salary was included in the budget at this time, or just in the pay scale and classification ordinance? Ms. Enlow replied that the pay is too low and she is meeting with civil service, other municipalities and her daughter, who is an HR person, to adjust the pay, the personnel policy, and the job description.

Ms. Carter observed that the Community Director's pay was still above the pay scale ordinance maximum and suggested that it be lowered to which Ms. Huffman agreed. Ms. Enlow and Ms. Cline denied that and stated it would stay where it was currently listed on this draft, at \$35,000, and the pay scale ordinance would be amended for the HR Director and the Community Services Director.

Discussion on the cleaning cost/service which was changed based upon suggestion by Ms. Enlow and action by Ms. Kellerman contracting with a company called Corvis. They will clean once a week and the cost will be half.

5232 – cell phones were discussed regarding initial purchase of phones for the FirstNet system.

Ms. Wirthlin wanted to know under which line item the website re-design would fall to which Ms. Kellerman replied 7650 – Other Purchased Assets.

No changes have been made to the council draft.

Conversation was held next on Police Chief salary breakdown, printing expense, and the desire to hire four officers, preferably African American female. The department certainly needs to be more diverse according to Chief McCubbin.

Public works was discussed next. There will be roughly 1.5 million in paving done.

Ms. Carter asked about uniforms and much discussion was held. Mr. Newton and Ms. Cline were in favor of a uniform service, Mr. Fleming and Mr. LaFollette in the audience were not preferring to receive the current standard of a taxable check. A voucher was mentioned where it could be taken to certain vendors only. This was compared to the proposed police contract. Ms. Huffman, Ms. Cline, and Mr. Newton agreed that could be suitable.

The bucket truck was brought up again, making sure funding was split 50% from public works and 50% from sewer.

7650.10 lawn mower was talked about. It seemed a bit high Ms. Carter thought as research revealed that a Skaggs 70" was around \$13,000 with government funds.

In the sewer department, Ms. Wirthlin asked Mr. Jones if there was anything that required dialog pertaining to the conversation regarding a possible overage in a line item from that afternoon.

Mr. Jones recounted to councilmembers how a processing machine in the plant needed a part that had a sole vendor. It had been advertised, and a single bid had been received, but there was a potential that it could make equipment and repairs go over.

Ms. Cline asked if a motion was needed to approve the purchase and take from another line.

Mr. Jones answered in the affirmative, but no one was sure of the motion. Ms Wirthlin assisted with the same: to approve the purchase of the equipment which when purchased will cause that line item to exceed its budget and need amending from another line item within that department.

Motion approved by Ms. Cline, seconded by Ms. Enlow. Ayes carried.

To which Mr. Thomas Barr, Pioneer News reporter in the audience objected stating that council was not adhering to the agenda by acting on the current year's budget and during a special meeting.

To which Ms. Wirthlin counter objected stating the meeting was properly advertised as simply **Budget Workshop** and the purchase would fall within those parameters by the line item exceeding its budget and needing action to amend it. The purpose of a workshop is to discuss all years and within a meeting action can be taken.

Mr. Barr once again objected saying he had not been personally notified of the meeting; therefore, the council could not take action.

Being unsure of the situation, both councilmembers withdrew their motions.

Motion to adjourn made by Lisa Carter, seconded by Stacey Cline, at 7:12 PM. Ayes carried.