

CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Budget workshop)
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2019
7 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Curtis L. Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 7PM.

ROLL CALL

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget

Sewer highlights

- Opening balance will change every month as the figures are updated.
- \$3,000,000 for Jim Beam in the revenue category is due to correcting an error in rate with current flow rate.
- Worker's Comp figures were updated with the latest figures per our renewal invoice.
- Uniform allowance was decreased to \$800 per employee which is expected to purchase 9 uniforms from one vendor source to be determined. Discussion ensued over how much items such as boots, knee waders, hip waders, shirts, and pants run. Ms. Carter would like to see a breakdown or line item of how much is expected to be expended for each article.
- Ms. Carter was curious from where the \$660,000 for regular time pay came as when she ran figures, even anticipating adding an engineer, two part-timers, seasonal, and two full time people including longevity and a 2.2 percent adjustment, her total figure came to \$551,740. Mr. Fleming requested that she give her figures to Ms. Kellerman, Controller, for review.
- Questions were posed about bidding the janitorial services to which the reply was that the services were contracted citywide and the information is in the budget sheets.
- Legal fees are difficult to determine with ongoing Jim Beam litigation and some detail was provided on what made up this line item (7019) .
- Mapping has not been completed at this time. Sanitary lines have been mapped and storm lines are being mapped as part of an unfunded mandate. After this project, we can begin review of a master plan for storm water run-off.
- Dialogue on salaries and raises which entailed heatedly who made what on staff and council, fire department not asking for much in way of salaries but it was pointed out by a staff member that they recently "got" a new fire house and new trucks, plus council members vote themselves raises. It was finally negotiated to look at an across the board .75/hr. raise, a 2% raise, and a 2.5% raise. Figures will be forthcoming.

- Line item 7002, Ms. Carter asked about the utility vehicle, its purpose (to check manholes along the Salt River), what type, (Honda 1000 quad with a utility bed in the rear) and was it cost shopped.

Public Works

- Council members desire a listing of roads that will be resurfaced. Dialog occurred on roads that are anticipated to receive blacktop and which ones are close to being bid. Streets mentioned include Hoot Owl's Hole, Adam Shepherd Parkway, Conestoga Parkway, N. Walnut.
- Talks happened on a potential low-interest loan to encompass bringing in a company to pave a large portion of decided-upon streets in the City, which would require a bidding process.
- Salaries and personnel desired for the upcoming year were discussed.

Fire

- Chief Troutman noted that the scheduled overtime budget has been reduced to anticipate hiring twelve part-timers.
- Vehicles are needed as one is blowing blue smoke and the Explorer is on its last legs.

Council

- Just a change in the legal fee was emphasized.

Police

- Payroll expense was determined at two percent increase only with the addition of four lateral officers.
- Take home vehicles and their payroll determination was deliberated.

Admin

- The Community Resource Director's pay was debated and decided upon six percent.
- Mr. Newton recused himself from this discussion as this is his mother-in-law.
- Ms. Enlow expressed that an HR person needs to be hired at \$70,000 to \$94,000 because that's below the national average. Information on the position has been sent to the City Attorney.

Motion to adjourn made by Lisa Carter, seconded by Deb Huffman, at 8:33 PM. Ayes carried, 6-0.

Mayor Curtis L. Hockenbury

City Clerk C.R. Wirthlin