

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Longo at 6:00 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Toellner, Ald. Hohmann, Ald. Longo, Ald. Boelk, Ald. Schmidt, Ald. Neumann

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Redeker, Darlene Smith, Lois Krueger, Mike Kurutz, Alixe Bielot, Lisa Schmitt, Dave Pieper

Item #2 – Citizen Comments.

None.

Item #3 – Discuss/Review 2016 Budget. Library, TAG Center, Special Requests, Utilities, Employee Health Insurance Contribution, HSA/FSA Limits and Administrative Fees, Schedule of Fees, and Capital Improvement Projects funding.

The 2015 Water Utility budget is \$359,972 and the 2016 mayor's budget is \$125,416 for a decrease of \$234,556. Ron put a 15% revenue increase in the water utility because of the water rate increase and an 8% revenue increase in the wastewater utility. There is a 3% increase across the board for the employees that the utility commission approved. The 2015 Wastewater Utility budget is \$283,910 and the 2016 mayor's budget is \$312,380 for an increase of \$28,470. The utilities are required to make a profit on the water side based on the PSC and generally the rate of return is 6%. On the sewer side the sludge hauling amount was decreased due to the sludge hauling costs dropped considerably. A rate study has to be done on connection fees that would be applied in 2017. The sewer water rate increase of 8% was put on the parking lot.

The 2015 Library budget is \$165,198 and the 2016 mayor's budget is \$165,907 for an increase of \$709. There was one change added to increase the health insurance budget by \$2,125. Rhonda Klemme is at 35 hours. Wages increased due to longevity getting rolled in. The furnace is installed and working well.

The 2015 Aquatics revenue budget is \$644,750 and the 2016 mayor's revenue budget is \$813,620 for an increase of \$168,870. The revenues were increased for the aquatics and fitness program due to adding some new programs and Silver Sneakers. Considering a 5% increase on membership and changing daily aquatic and fitness rates. The 2015 Aquatics expense budget is \$252,050 and the 2016 mayor's expense budget is \$264,000 for an increase of \$11,950. The state mandated that the pool get divided into 3 basins due to this we have to keep the chlorine at a higher level. Tax payer punch cards from April until August was put on the parking lot. Fitness wages were cut due to a position being eliminated and has never not been replaced.

Fitness orientations are contracted out now. Fitness wages for Silver Sneakers went down because only one instructor is needed for up to 30 people. Wages increased due to longevity being rolled in and also moving Karen Moyle from 30 hours per week to 40 making her full-time. This item was put on the parking lot.

Capital Improvements Projects were discussed with adding a police vehicle in 2016. Currently the police department has 3 police vehicles (2009, 2012 & 2015), 1 K-9 vehicle (2015) and 1 supervisor car. The total expense for the new vehicle and equipment is \$17,000 for 2016. This is a 3 year lease; year 2 & 3 cost is \$10,000 each year with a \$1 buyout at the end of the lease. This was put on the parking lot. Lincoln Lane/ Clark Street and the resurfacing project for Center Street numbers have remained the same however Horicon Street was added in 2016 in the amount of \$132,800. Ald. Hohmann put Clark Street on the parking lot.

Employee Health Insurance Contribution.

Motion by Ald. Toellner, second by Ald. Longo to choose the P04 plan for the city employees with the employees contributing 10% towards the premium. Motion carried 5-1. Ald. Boelk voted no.

Special requests are \$12,000 from Graceland Cemetery and the two historical buildings each requesting \$500 each.

Motion by Ald. Boelk, second by Ald. Toellner to approve the special requests from Graceland Cemetery for \$12,000 and the two historical buildings for \$500 each. Motion carried unanimously.

Schedule of Fees and HSA/FSA Limits and Administrative Fees were put on the parking lot.

Item #5 - Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Boelk, second by Ald. Toellner to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Smith, City Clerk