

City of Cosmopolis
Workshop Minutes
October 18, 2017

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding.

Councilmembers present: Debbi Moran, Kyle Pauley, Jonathan Fischer, Carl Sperring, and Jim Ancich

Staff Present: City Administrator Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Johnson, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Clerk-Treasurer Julie Pope, and Fire Chief David Dutton

Mayor Chestnut stated the workshop was called to discuss the 2018 Budget. Clerk-Treasurer Pope gave the Council Revenue and Expenditure worksheets for the Budget. She stated that it is not in balance yet, as we are still waiting on some figures. The worksheets contained actual numbers for the years 2015, 2016 and through September 30, 2017 plus the budgets for those years. City Administrator Raines stated that there will be some numbers in the 2018 budget for the Mill Creek Dam project. We have calculated roughly \$250,000 in revenue and expenditures for this. City Staff has been working on spreadsheets to include the previous five years' data to better project revenues and expenditures. City Administrator Raines stated that there are changes when comparing expenditures from prior years to 2018. We are looking at changing medical benefits for City employees that will save the City a significant amount, but the benefits to the employees will be similar. Clerk-Treasurer Pope and Administrator Raines and looking at how things have been posted to the accounting system in the past and working to create more defined expenditure categories. This allows the City to see exactly how the money is being spent. City Hall is wanting to acquire new payroll software to better track employee hours and integrate with the payroll software. The Police Department is asking for \$10,000 in ammunition to better train the officers. Chief Stratton also added in money to fund a Reserve Police Academy. Fire Chief Dutton would like to charge the Court for their percentage of utilities and repairs for their use of the Fire Hall.

Mayor Chestnut stated that we needed to adjourn the workshop in order to the regular Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

Mayor