

City of Cosmopolis
Workshop
November 07, 2012

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided

Councilmembers Present: Karen Cox, Frank Chestnut, Jim Ancich Carl Sperring and Debbi Moran

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Fire Chief Al Burrows and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

Mayor Raines opened the workshop 5:35 p.m.

Council started reviewing the budget line item by line item. Mayor Raines asked if Council had any questions? The police budget wages is per contract. We need to check the clothing allowance per contract. Casey said some of the training will be done in house to save money. The office and operating budget increase is to cover the cost of a new copy machine and breathalyzer.

Mayor Raines said she received a call from Children's Advocacy about reinstating our old contract fee of \$4000 to the budget. Casey explained that when they had a change of staff at the Children's Advocacy eliminating the investigators position and relying on an interviewer to take their place, it no longer was cost effective for our department to contract with them. We now pay an hourly rate if we need their services. Our police department is receiving special training in this area. We have not had any cases in the past year. We would still have to handle the investigation portion of any case, thereby tying up an officer.

The request in equipment reserve for new guns would be to replace 10 year old guns. Jim asked if there were any problems with the current weapons. Casey said that the guns have been kept in good shape. With trade in credit for current weapons we could replace the guns for \$2100. Casey is asking for 4 tazers at \$950 each for \$3800. The new tazers are an updated version that makes it safer for the officers. They would also like to replace mobile video recorder. The number 3 vehicle (Ford Explorer) is the one that the police would like to replace.

Finance Director explained that equipment reserve only takes in about \$30,000 a year in sales tax revenue. We are obligated for the next five years for payments of about \$30,000 for dump truck and software. If we were to fund all requests, by the end of 2014 we would not be able to meet our current obligations. We typically have tried to keep a \$100,000 reserve balance in this account.

Mayor Raines asked if there was an expiration date on the vests. Casey said the vests have a five year expiration. Mayor Raines asked Casey to prioritize his requests and bring it back to next workshop.

Jim asked about the money we got for the sale of the old building. The money from that sale went into the REET fund for Capital Improvement Projects not equipment purchases.

The fire department operating budget was increased to purchase turnouts. Albie will check on the amount needed for air packs out of equipment reserve. The \$20,000 in equipment reserve will be adjusted accordingly.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

