

COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

August 16, 2022

6:00 P.M. Community Center

Mayor Werling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Present were Spencer Kingery, Cody Nelson, Sandra Flora, and Dave Weckerly. Mike Isley attended via Zoom.

Mayor Werling opened the 2023 budget workshop stating that there would be discussion only with no votes taken. The meeting focused on the General budget.

Superintendent Lyons presented the Street and Parks Department 2024 budget requests. The largest increase was in the Engineering expense reflecting costs for design, bid preparation, and inspection of CCMG and other street projects. Lyons expressed that his main concern in 2024 was the completion of the shared maintenance and office building at well #5.

Chief LaMar presented the Police Department budget requests for 2024. Key items were adding body cameras and purchasing three police cars to provide full coverage for the take-home car policy. Personnel numbers assume six officers with one being a lateral from another department and one probationary officer moving to PFC in September.

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich advised that the City's 2024 budget must not exceed 2024 projected revenues as the unallocated reserves were close to the minimum suggested by Baker Tilly. The Council proceeded with the review of specific line items in the General budget making recommendations for changes. Key among those were:

- Hold 2023 wages for salaried and elected officials; 1-4% raises for hourly employees based on merit per supervisor's performance reviews and recommendations per employee; no increase for Council; no pay for Plan Commission or BZA boards; and
- Eliminate vehicle purchases for Streets and Police departments; police would be encouraged to apply for grants for vehicles.

The Council agreed to hold a second budget workshop on Monday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment.

There being no additional business, Dave Weckerly moved to adjourn. Second by Cody Nelson. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Mayor Anita Werling



Clerk-Treasurer, Leanne Aldrich, Attest