

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 6, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz  
Mayor Pro tem Sherrie Williams  
Councilwomen Deborah Dyer and Lori Shierry  
Councilmen Tim Sheppard and Brad Wynn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager  
Robert Johnson, Chief of Police  
David Sherrill, Public Works Director  
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director  
David Owen, Economic Development Director  
Steve Davis, Police Lieutenant  
Amie Schultz, Library Director  
Becky Ferguson, Director of Finance

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton Roy Robertson

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation.

The Chief of Police gave the invocation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Budget Workshop.

The City Manager explained that the budget is off by \$12,135.00. Currently there is an unfilled full time position that is part public works and part code. Staff is proposing doing away with that position and creating two part-time positions. One would be in the parks and the other would be either animal control or dispatch. It was noted there is currently a part-time employee that is both dispatch and animal control. The savings would be approximately \$12,135.00.

The only vehicle staff is proposing to replace is the Police Department's 2010 Ford Crown Victoria with 150,149 miles.

The Public Works Director briefed the Council on his department's proposed capital outlay projects. He is proposing \$155,000.00 for the annual street rebuilding and slurry seal projects. Also included is \$10,000.00 for repair of damage caused by sanitation trucks. In the utility side, he is asking for \$20,000.00 for replacement pumps and accessories for the thirteen wastewater lift stations. It was noted that some of the lift stations have two pumps with only one pump used at a time. Several of the pumps are interchangeable with the different lift stations. Councilwoman Shierry asked to bring back information on what exactly would be purchased for \$20,000.00 and a figure for purchasing one additional pump that would fit each lift station. At the water plant, he is asking for \$15,000.00 to upgrade Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA). This will allow the remote monitoring and control system for ground storage and the three water towers. He also asked for \$20,000.00 to replace the original steel weirs at the wastewater plant. The new weirs are engineered plastic, fiberglass or polycarbonate.

The Parks and Recreation Director presented his capital outlay requests. He asked for \$10,000.00 for a seventy-two inch (72") zero turn mower to replace a 2010 John Deere mower with over 1200 industrial use hours on it and is becoming increasingly expensive to maintain. He also asked for \$3,500.00 for a flatbed conversion. This will replace the bed on Unit #181 and will allow the parks crew to load and unload equipment easier.

The Chief of Police briefed the Council on his capital outlay requests. He asked for \$46,800.00 to replace the last Ford Crown Victoria with a 2019 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicle.

The Chief then presented his unfunded requests. He would like to install a professional LED backlit cabinet sign on the front the Police Department building at a cost of \$3,500.00. \$47,000.00 to replace the 2008 Ford F-150 pickup with a 2019 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicle. \$18,297.75 for telephone line and traffic recorder. This would upgrade the antiquated 911 line and traffic recorder with modern technology. The new system would also be able to record the Fire Department and City radio transmissions. The Chief would also like to replace six hand held and four mobile radios for new digital radios at a cost of \$6,000.00. He would also like \$2,000.00 to replace a computer work station. It was noted the proposed budget includes a replacement for dispatch and animal control. He would also like to purchase a barcode scanning system at a cost of \$5,500.00. This would be used in the property room to track incoming and outgoing property.

The City Manager presented the Fire Department's unfunded requests. They are wanting to replace their 2000 GMC 3500 pickup with a new sport utility vehicle at a cost of \$58,000.00. The current plan is to reassign the police pickup to the fire department in FY 2019-2020. Their other request is for a new cardiac monitor/defibrillator at a cost of \$20,000.00.

The Parks unfunded requests include a twenty-five foot flatbed equipment trailer for \$7,300.00; park furniture to replace picnic tables, park benches trash receptacles that are in dilapidated condition and are becoming unserviceable and in some instances unsafe. The other request is for \$250,000.00 for playground equipment and sunshades. This would allow new playground equipment and installation of permanent sunshades that would provide comfort to those using the playground.

The Library Director presented her unfunded requests which was \$2,500.00 for removing the wallpaper in the stairwell and painting upstairs, window blinds and folding padded chairs. She is also looking into replacing the flooring downstairs.

The Economic Development Director's unfunded requests were for an upgrade to the interior appearances of the conference room. This would include furniture, art work and décor that would make a good first impression to potential developers and businesses. The Council and staff discussed having four to six smaller tables that can be combined to make one large table.

The City Manager asked the Council to review and consider several potential capital improvement projects that were included in their packets. He plans to have a balanced budget ready by the end of the week. It was the consensus of the Council to cut the one full time from Public Works/Code Enforcement and create two part-time positions, one for the Parks Department and one for either Dispatch or Animal Control Division.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

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Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman