

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 10, 2019

Charles City city council met in a budget session on January 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: Keith Starr, DeLaine Freeseman, Michael Hammond and Dan Mallaro. Absent was Jerry Joerger. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers and city engineer John Fallis.

Public Safety department budgets were reviewed starting with the fire department budget. Fire chief Eric Whipple and public safety director Hugh Anderson were present. Salaries are budgeted to increase 2.75% for FY20. Vehicle maintenance increased \$27,000 for FY19 due to engine replacement. Some of this will be reimbursed from St. Charles township. Council member Starr inquired about charging for fire calls and asked if there would be a report yet to come on that with more data. Chief Anderson asked what information he would like to see and that he would work on getting that for an upcoming meeting. The fire extinguisher fund received money from selling and servicing fire extinguishers and those funds are then used for operations at the fire department. This budget remains the same.

Code enforcement budget showed rental inspection revenues staying pretty steady. An increase of 2.75% has been included for FY20 salaries.

Police department budget reviewed. One big change for FY20 is a zero amount included for reimbursement for ambulance staffing and dispatching. We are anticipating that this reimbursement will go away when a new contract is negotiated. Work continues on this process. Salaries are set for a 2.75% increase along with any added step increases. Expenses are included for academy training since we are in the process of hiring new officers. Purchase of a squad car is budgeted for FY20. Chief Anderson stated that he would like to keep on a rotation of purchasing a new squad car every year and passing down the oldest one to other city departments for their use. The cars wear fast due to the heavy use by the officers, so it's safer to keep them up to date. Also included in FY20 expenses is hiring a part time person to catch up on scanning of police documents. Tornado siren replacements are included in FY19. One siren is scheduled to be moved since it's on private property now and the box that holds the manual operations is too high on the pole to operated easily if needed. The K-9 fund is used for donations for Jordy and his related expenses. Chief Anderson was very grateful for the community participation in helping to purchase Jordy and his continued upkeep. He has done well so far for the department. The dispatch fund budget has remained pretty steady and includes a 2.75% increase in salaries. These expenses are reimbursed by the county to cover the dispatching for the county. Safety Education fund has revenues totally from donations and is used for bike rodeo and other safety programs. Communication Equipment is used for repairs to the antenna and related equipment. Asset Forfeiture fund receives revenue from sale of items seized in a crime. These funds can be used only for additional training/equipment and crime investigation. Chief Anderson stated that he would like to have a city owned gun range at some point. Right now, the department uses private ones and he doesn't like the liability issue with that situation.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, city clerk