

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 30, 2020

Charles City city council met in a planning/budget session on January 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: Jerry Joerger, DeLaine Freeseaman, Phillip Knighten and Phoebe Pittman. Keith Starr was present on telephone until shortly after the outside agency requests.

Floyd County Community Foundation presented their request of \$7,500 for FY21. Charlie Neuman was present to answer questions on this request. Last year they requested \$7000. Their past requests were earmarked for funding the development specialist position. That position has been eliminated and they would be using any city funding for establishing an endowment fund. They reported that these endowment funds have been very successful in other counties. There is a waiting list already for 2020 for donor tax credits. They could earmark any dollars the city donates to be used for non profit awards in Charles City only. They would receive 4% each year on an endowment fund, the principal needs to remain in the fund.

Crisis Intervention presented a request for funding and Mary Ingham was present to answer questions. They are asking for \$1500, same as previous years. They have an office at 208 Main Street that is staffed daily and they deal with victims of assaults and domestic violence.

TLC (The Learning Center) has submitted a request for funding for FY21 of \$8500 and Shirley Kelly was present to answer any questions. TLC has been operating for 19 years. Their pilot program needs help with funding. This program helps high school students who are considering a career in early childhood to come to the center and observe and help to get a feel for the job. They have ten high schoolers involved right now with the program. These students require training to be involved in the classroom with the children and the requested funding would help with that. The remainder of the request would go toward the wrap around program with Washington school to add extra staff and pay for meals for that program. TLC is also exploring moving their operation to 500 N. Grand which would give them much more needed space. Council member Freeseaman asked if they have reached out to the local employers to see if they would help fund them, which would benefit their current and future employees with child care needs. Answer was not really, they have been very busy with the other programs they offer. Freeseaman stated he would like to see the center explore that avenue.

Floyd County Museum has submitted a request for funding in the amount of \$6,000. Tony Lessin was present to review this request and stated it will go toward replacement of their boilers. They have a new director starting in April, Mary Ann Townsend is retiring. They are also thinking that tuckpointing will be needed in the near future.

Charles City Arts Center did not have anyone in attendance to review their request of \$6,200 for FY21. City administrator Diers commented that the city is working on a storm sewer project for this area, about \$24,000 estimated cost would be for the art center. The city is also looking at helping pay for the architect services for the proposed bathroom project at the arts center.

Discussion on what to fund these requests for FY21. After much discussion, the following amounts were the consensus of the council: Floyd County Community Foundation - \$3500, Crisis Intervention - \$1500, TLC - \$5000, Museum - \$4000 and Arts Center - \$3000.

Cable Fund budget reviewed. Revenues for this fund come from franchise fees paid by Mediacom. There is also a small reimbursement from Floyd County for taping services for supervisor meetings. Expenses include stipend to students taping meetings, payment to the school for technology coordinator services, payment to Chamber for overseeing the community calendar, and incentive grants for technology needs for local small businesses in town.

Fiber to the home project budget was reviewed. This fund is for revenues and expenses for the city fiber to the home project. Expenses to date include feasibility study and formation of a business plan. This fund is currently in the negative but will be reimbursed from the telecom utility once they are up and running and approve a loan.

Riverside TIF budget was reviewed. This fund has had a larger cash balance so we did not request any taxes this year. Payments to Cedar Mall end in FY20. Transfer out to General fund is reimbursement for **ADC support payments, Main Street program, and Cultural/Entertainment and Façade program** payments.

City administrator Diers reported that he had deleted the fire station roof for \$75,000 but left in the overhead door replacement. He also took out the mower purchase for park and rec but left in the expenses for full time park superintendent.

There is a conflict with the February 12 council meeting, so that meeting was moved to February 10 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk