

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 31, 2019

Charles City city council met in a budget session on January 31, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: Keith Starr, Jerry Joerger, DeLaine Freeseaman and Dan Mallaro. Michael Hammond was absent. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers and city engineer John Fallis.

Outside agencies were present to submit their requests for city funding for FY20. Floyd County Community Foundation presented a request for \$7,000 for FY20, a decrease from \$10,000 for FY19. They plan on continuing to reduce their request until they are a self-sustaining organization. They have a paid community development associate and they feel this is a big part of the success of their organization. They have provided grants to many local entities and continue to build their endowment fund. It was noted that they should be careful and not short their grant program by reducing their requests for funding. Crisis Intervention presented a request of \$1500 for FY20 which is the same as FY19. They help with victims of violent crimes and have also been reaching out to local schools to offer curriculum to educate and help both teachers and students to cope with violent crimes. Healthy Harvest submitted a request of \$750 funding for FY20, a decrease from their \$1000 request for FY19. They would like to use these funds toward a Charlie cart to be used at local farmer's markets. This will be used for food and nutrition demonstrations for the 2019 season. Big Brothers/Big Sisters presented a request for FY20 support of \$1500. They had 40 matches last year and are hoping to grow that to 60 matches for 2019. They are also exploring the use of workplace mentors which would take kids to a workplace for a couple of hours. Each match costs about \$1000 to implement and maintain. Charles City Arts Center presented a request for \$3800 for FY20. Would use the funds to replace their computer system and printers. They are working on partnering with the Floyd County Museum to present an "art in history" segment for this year's Art a Fest event. TLC presented a request for \$18,000 of funding for FY20 which is an increase from \$10,000 they requested for FY19. They currently have 72 children they care for which represents about 60 families. They have just not been able to cover expenses and have been dipping into their reserves to keep operating. They have been in existence for 18 years and have been writing many grants to help cover their annual costs, of which food runs about \$65,000. Council member Joerger asked if area employers had been contacted to help support their operations and reply was that they are starting to look at expanding this avenue. They have trimmed their expenses about as much as they can and continue to monitor them closely. Community Revitalization presented a request for \$23,000 for FY20. They **oversee the Façade and Cultural/Entertainment programs in the city as well as the Main Street program** and Broadband Commission. ADC had submitted a written request for their annual funding in the amount of \$42,000. This is all included in an agreement the city has with them. Floyd County Museum had submitted a written request for funding of \$5,000 for FY20, an increase from \$3000 for FY19.

Cable budget was reviewed. Revenue of \$3000 from Floyd County to cover taping of the board of supervisor meetings is included as well as the franchise fees received from MediaCom. FY20 expenses here are payment to the school to cover the PAN director (\$41,906), payment to Chamber for administration of the local cable channel (\$3800), payment to Community Revite for broadband administration (\$10,000) and payment to people who video tape the meetings and events. We are coming up on the last year of a three year agreement with the school for this partnership. We have two people interested in filling two upcoming voting member vacancies on the Broadband Commission.

Fiber to the Home fund budget reviewed. We are in the middle of the engineering and design phase for this project. The budget is based on moving forward with this project. One third of the project is scheduled for each of FY19, FY20 and FY21. Total estimated cost is twelve million. A 20 year revenue bond will pay for this project and we are working on all of the financing pieces now.

City administrator Steve Diers asked if Wednesday February 20 would work for the second regular meeting in February. All were okay with this. Staff will include the outside agency requests as presented tonight into the budget and council can then review where we stand. Council asked for a list of items that they need to consider, such as park/rec requests for bridge and FT positions and outside agency requests. We will meet on February 11 for a budget session and planning meeting at 5:30. Then if needed, we can meet on February 13 for a final budget review. We received 6 bids today for way finding

signage project. Had a meeting with Gold Cross ambulance yesterday and it was a very informative meeting. Tree trimming quotes received have been favorable so far.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, city clerk