

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
FEBRUARY 5, 2108

The council met for a budget/planning session after the regular council meeting on February 5, 2018 in the council chambers. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: Keith Starr, Jerry Joerger, DeLaine Freeseaman, Michael Hammond and Dan Mallaro. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers and city engineer John Fallis.

Mayor Andrews called the meeting to order.

Diers had presented the council with some budget notes. He is looking for input from the council for funding the outside agencies. This year there is a 1.35% increase in funding of the general fund. In FY18 we funded \$86,000 worth of outside agency requests. Area Development requested \$42,000 and Community Revitalization requested \$23,000. It was Diers recommendation to fund at these levels. In the council discussion they agreed with Diers recommendation. Community foundation requested \$10,000. Freeseaman inquired as to whether we had received any information for the Community Foundation to see if at some point they will be able to fund themselves. Diers did reach out to them but indicated that even with the outside funding they currently receive they would not be able to fund themselves. Concerns were expressed that this has become a permanent yearly request. Some council members felt that when the idea was first presented the funding was seed money to get the foundation started and then it would eventually be able to operate on its own. Consensus was to leave the amount the same and then talk to the foundation throughout the year to discuss any concerns that have come up. It was also discussed that it might be good for these outside agencies to come during the year to give us an update. Council members also discussed the Health Harvest request. Diers felt that spending the \$1,000 a year for three years would be worth looking at. He thought it might be helpful to have some co-ordinations to help our farmers market and promote local food distributors. There were some concerns that this entity is doing something similar to what other organizations are already doing. Council member Starr expressed concern that this project would be sustainable after the three year grant. Consensus was to forego funding the Healthy Harvest organization. Discussion around Arts Center request was to fund at the \$3,000 level. Crisis intervention and Big Brother/Big Sisters were okay to fund at the level requested. Floyd County Museum could be funded at \$3,000. Suggestion was made to Floyd County Museum that they may want to look to the County for additional funding. The Learning Center was a new request this year. Council agreed that it is a needed service for the community, but were concerned that the request would be an ongoing request and have no end date. After a lengthy discussion, consensus was not to fund The Learning Center.

Diers also reviewed the General Fund. He presented the council with a trend of the General Fund over the last ten years. Fund has been trending up. Diers had trimmed a little out of the public safety budget. He trimmed things such as overtime allowance, vehicle repair, operating supplies, and tort insurance. Tornado sirens replacement – looking to do one rather than two. Concerns were expressed to make sure that enough money is spent to make sure the sirens work. Diers explained they are still functioning and he would like to get into a rotation to replace. In the street line item Diers reduced overtime of sidewalk cleaning and reduced building and maintenance. Payment to others were discussed tonight and will have to be adjusted. Diers presented the amount that the City actually funds the Library. Park & Rec included more money into the salary lines due to a discussion about Steve Lindaman retiring. Greens Mower and Tractor had been budgeted originally for Park & Rec. Diers informed Lindaman that he could fund one of the equipment purchases but not both. Lindaman's recommendation was to fund the greens mower. Capital project's for Wildwood included tuck pointing of bridge at a cost of \$7,500,

column repair for \$4,000 instead of \$6,000 originally budgeted. Clubhouse door \$4,000, but removed the south siding at a cost of \$10,000. Deleted Pro Shop ceiling and door at a cost of \$5,000. Diers kept the pool-playground surface in the budget at a cost of \$15,000. He also made minor adjustments in administration. Reduced front reception remodel to \$15,000 for front entry area. Added Clark Street Trail funding for City share as General Fund Expense at a cost of \$66,000. This amount was originally budgeted out of Local Option Sales Tax Fund. Diers still has some additional work in the TIF Funds. Mayor Andrews reminded the council about the goals that were set at the beginning of the budget process and Diers reviewed amounts that are placed in the budget to achieve those goals. Mayor asked how Diers saw the broadband project moving forward. Diers stated that moving forward would require more consulting. If it is determined that we move forward there will be some engineering. A Capital Project Fund would need to be set up and we would need to determine how to fund. Freeseaman reminded the council that we have a trail bridge that needs to be replaced. Diers said that there is a little more work to be done on the budget but we should be pretty close. The next workshop will include an updated levy sheet.

Mayor asked the council to think about whether they would like to keep the second workshop on Wednesday or would like to move it to Monday. He stated that there would be more discussion at Wednesday night's planning session.

Being there was no further business meeting was adjourned.