

Wymore City Council Special Budget Meeting July 30, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on July 30, 2024, in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Council Person Max Allen. Present were Councilpersons Neil VanBoening, Curt Oblinger, and Max Allen. Councilperson Sue Sapp arrived at 7:00 pm. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three places: Wymore Post Office, Arbor State Pharmacy and The City Office. Notice was given to the Mayor and Council and their acknowledgement of receipt is attached. All other proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Department heads present were Austin Jackson(Library) and Lawrence Mallam and Pamela Gerdis(Cemetery). Tim Sedlacek(Utilities Superintendent) joined by phone.

Each of the departmental budget requests were discussed by the council.

The Cemetery Budget has not changed from last year and was approved. Lawrence Mallam and Pam Gerdes gave a report on the progress with the new directory and some other maintenance issues. They reported no major storms or vandalism.

Library budget: The question of the internet bill was brought up. Austin is supposed to be getting a discount that is paid to Windstream by federal funds. He has been disputing the bill with no satisfaction thus far. Austin was asked to take it to the state board if necessary. Austin was asked about the new air conditioner financing. He stated the Library Foundation is going to pay for it.

Police Budget: There were no changes. Ordinance violations are being handled by City Staff. Max suggested some of the expenses for that should be coming out of the Police Budget. Tim stated that some of the mowing would be being billed to the property owners, so that should alleviate some of that.

EMS Budget: Max brought up that we had decided a couple of years ago to take the grant and donation line items out of all department budgets and incorporate them into the General Budget. These line items will be removed. The rest of the budget was approved.

EMS Special Budget: Transfers in were discussed. That was done in December. Also discussed was billing, which is going much better with the new billing company.

Fire Budget: Mark Meints was not present to discuss the budget. Janet explained that since the Fire B&E was just their Money Market account the two budgets have been combined. They also have grant and donation line items that will be moved to General. The Council wants to know before grants are applied for. Tim stated we need to transfer grants out of the general accounts as soon as possible so we don't spend them elsewhere. The rest of the budget was approved.

Pool Budget: Tim spoke to Jacque Borzekofski (Pool Manager). The only thing she requested raised was the salary line item. However, Tim also stated there will possibly be the need to replace the sand filter soon. He is waiting on a bid on that. It is a very large (12ft) filter.

The Pool Special budget is set by the amount of the pool bond payments. Miscellaneous Disbursements should have read 25,000.00 instead of 0. This will be corrected.

Community Center Budget: The budget was okayed. Discussion was held about updating the Community Center. No decisions were made.

Community Center Special Budget was discussed and okayed.

The Parks Department Budget was okayed.

The Street Lighting Budget was okayed. Tim did state the expenses have gone down in this department, because it is used to pay the lighting bill and LED lighting has reduced that.

Street Fund Budget was discussed. There was a typo on the FICO line item.

Water Department Budget: The Transportation line item is higher due to needing a new truck for that department and may need to replace the backhoe as well. We had planned to apply for a CDBG for the water project, but Tim informed the Council we are considered to be above the LMI (Low to Moderate Income) threshold. We are looking at doing an income survey to possibly qualify.

The Sewer Budget was discussed and okayed.

Lights Department Budget: Tim stated the salary line item has been raised due to needing to hire. If we are going to hire a lineman, we will need to pay a competitive salary to both the new and current lineman. The cost of transformers is also much higher. We can't even get a quote or estimated time of arrival. The budget was okayed.

General Budget: Max would like the Dispatch Contract with Beatrice reconsidered. Janet will locate the existing contract. Janet also updated the Council on the Keno funds.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk