

June 18, 2015
Budget Hearing and Meeting

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Steve Cox, Pete Benson, Gladys LeFevre, Council Members;
Judi Davis, Clerk.

Absent: Cindy Wilson

Public Present: Farlan and Mary Behunin

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. The purpose is to open the 2014-15 budget and receive comment on the proposed changes. The General Fund and Special Revenue Fund will have only internal changes that won't change their total revenues or expenditures, but it is proposed that the total of the Capital Projects Fund increase by a \$37,500 transfer from the General Fund, increasing the total revenues to \$168,693 and the total expenditures increasing the same amount because of unanticipated costs in construction of the pavilion and restrooms.

It was explained that this was necessitated because of a miscommunication in a step of pre-construction for which we need to take part of the responsibility. The elevations for the pavilion were not specified, and more fill was needed than was anticipated or bid on. The contractor was not informed of the amount of fill that was needed, so it was not included in his bid. It was discussed at the pre-construction meeting, but the specific assignment to come up with the numbers was not made. The work was done and the fill was used, so we need to pay for it. The money is coming from our excess fund balance which we applied to various line items in the budget but will not be needed as appropriated.

Jones & DeMille has informed us that their costs will exceed what they anticipated and have asked if we would approve the extra costs. The problem has arisen partly because Boulder Farmstead was delayed in beginning their project and it had been anticipated that we would share costs during that time. There were no comments opposing the request for additional payment.

There were no more public comments.

The public hearing continued to a discussion on the proposed 2015-16 budget. Some revisions were suggested to consolidate groundskeepers' budgets into one line item of the Administrative budget and to combine maintenance budgets for the Tract Park and the Community Center into one item. We need to add money to fund the Garkane hookup at the Tract Park and the cover over the door of the west bay of the firehouse.

There were no more public comments.

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The public hearings were closed and the regular meeting was opened at 7:55.

Gladys made a motion to approve the changes as proposed to the 2014-15 budget. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Steve made a motion that we approve the 2015-16 budget as presented with the changes as proposed with the understanding that the Current Year Estimate column will be updated at the end of June and that the Property Tax revenue may change when the County sends the updated tax figures. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There has been a problem with runoff irrigation water in Lower Boulder during the heavy rains. It is uncertain who should take care of the runoff onto the roads. Is it our responsibility? There are weeds that, if noxious, need to be taken care of. Elaine's road also had heavy runoff. It was supposed to have been fixed once. One problem is by the Barsches. The ditch usually carries runoff water, but it should be cleaned to allow it to carry more. Usually the owners take care of it. If we end up owning the land under the roads and the shoulders, who will be responsible for it? This is tailwater and doesn't belong to anyone. Farlan said that, until it leaves a property, the property owner is responsible for it. We will discuss this further in the July meeting.

Gladys made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Pete seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk