

June 19, 2014
Public Hearing - Budget

Hearing began at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Gladys LeFevre, Cindy Wilson, Steve Cox, Tom Jerome,
Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: Peg Smith, Judith Geil.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and explained that its purpose is to receive public comment on the proposed 2014-15 budget. The hearing was opened for comment.

Steve explained the **tree budget** and said that \$2,500 can be in kind and will be satisfied by work that is being and has been done. They have applied for a grant which should cover the \$1,500 requirement, but if it doesn't, it will come out of the park tree budget.

Gladys would agree to a **Planning Commission budget** of \$2,500 or \$2,600 total. She feels the travel and tuition costs are high and wondered if each member needs a membership in the APA. She would like to get a membership for the PC as a body plus one for one person, then see how much they utilize it. If it turns out to be a valuable resource, we could increase the budget next year to buy memberships for more commissioners. Cindy agreed. Tom said that, since we aren't spending any money right now for training, he'd like to budget for three people to go to training, since it's not realistic to suppose that everyone will actually go, given personal busy schedules. He also thinks they should each have a membership so they can have individual access to the online resources of the APA. Peg explained the advantages of those resources. Most people do their homework at home, so they need access from their own computers. Tom thought it would be better to cut back the training budget rather than the online tools. Bill suggested we budget the high figure but make participation in any training sessions contingent on Town Council approval during the year. Cindy thinks \$500/training session is too much. Tom theoretically agrees with Cindy's comment that they will spend whatever they're given but feels that our individuals aren't the kind of people who would take advantage of it. The Council will have oversight over the expenditures.

Steve suggested several changes on the **Capital Projects (Park Restrooms) budget**. He recommended shifting money from several categories to others in the expenditure category. The footbridge, cattleguard and culvert are finished, so he recommended eliminating those categories and replace them with fence, taking \$1,000 from the total remaining. We need to keep some money in gravel paths, but can take \$10,000 from it. We can take \$7,000 from the reroute stream budget, since there is money in the Tree City grant that can replace it. We need to leave \$1,500 in the trees category to cover the Tree

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City requirement if the other grant isn't received. Any money being taken from other categories will go to cover those that are short and to the pavilion. Because the children's play area is a distant development, we won't budget for it this year.

Other areas of the budget were discussed and explained.

There were no further public comments.

The public hearing closed at 7:55 p.m.