

June 20, 2013

Public Hearing - 2013-14 Budget

Public hearing was opened at 6:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Sue Inman, Council Member.

Public Present: None.

There were no members of the public present to give comment, so the Council discussed the proposed budget.

In order to keep our fund balance within the legal limit, we need to appropriate \$25,340 more than the preliminary proposal showed. On page 2 at the bottom, \$16,266 is already appropriated. We need to use \$5,000 of the remainder for the match for the CIB grant we're going to apply for. It was proposed that we put the approximately \$4,000 remaining into the administration budget to help fund more EMT's if we have any. That would increase administration from \$54,000 to \$58,000. The match will transfer from General Fund to Capital Projects Fund.

The cost for the 40' x 60' pavilion (100-person capacity) that is available in Wayne County is \$6,000, plus some transportation costs. It is estimated that it would cost \$36,000 to install. Sam has the plans and thinks we can do it for less and will talk to some other contractors (Steve Simmons and Harward & Rees) about it. There was discussion on where to place it, with the Council leaning toward having it on the north end of this lot, but no decision was made.

There was discussion on whether \$52,000 is a realistic amount for the restrooms. We would like to model them after those at the Fish Lake rest area. Steve isn't sure where Sam is on that project, but we need to have drawings, specs, bid documents (engineer stamped) by September at the latest. The estimate has to be recent, within six months of the application date, which the \$52,000 figure is not. Judi asked if Sam has the perc tests from the previous attempt at getting restrooms. Steve thinks he does. The results of those tests are not in the town park files. If it hasn't been done, we need to add that to the cost of the project. The plans that were first drawn up were for a much bigger facility than we want now. Bill's understanding with Sam is that he is the Park Engineer and will do the work that Jones & DeMille did the first time around. If Sam can't do it or is not qualified to do some parts of it, we need to know right now, because time is passing. We can change the figures, but we have to have accurate figures when we go before the CIB body.

The first item (property tax) has to be the amount the County figures based on our tax rate, and we don't have the figure yet, so it will change, which will necessitate an adjustment somewhere else.

Steve reminded us that we need to establish a maintenance budget for the tract park and suggested \$1,000, to be put in a new Maintenance category under Parks, Rec., and Public Properties. Not only will there be maintenance on the grounds, structures will need to be maintained. There was discussion on setting the maintenance budget at \$3,000, but it was decided to leave it at \$1,000. Steve has talked to Loa Builders about getting a riding lawnmower, which will be paid for by money saved from another Tract Park project, probably the stream rerouting.

We need to post a notice asking for bids to refurbish the brick building. If there are no bids, we will look for someone to do it. Steve will prepare the notice. The additional umbrella insurance was discussed. The skateboarders will remove their structure, so that won't be an issue. The insurance company will give us a quote on the increased coverage.

There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:43 p.m.

Public Hearing  
Changes to 2012-13 Budget

Budget hearing opened at 6:43 p.m.

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

Absent: Sue Inman, Council Member.

Public Present: None.

The Fire Department to date has spent \$14,596, but we budgeted \$14,326, so we need to fix this. There is a truck being fixed now, so if we add \$1,000 to the FD budget, that should cover it. We can take the money from Landfill Services.

Landscaping (the sprinkler system) was budgeted for \$2,500, but the cost was \$4,850. If we increase the budget to \$5,000, we can take it from Park and Park Areas.

The public hearing was closed at 6:47 p.m.

