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## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES September 7, 2022

Attending: Mayor Jeff Ramsley; Council Members: Edie More, Richard Staloch, Joan Proehl, absent-Lon Stenzel.  
City Staff: **City Maint.:** Mike Bammert, Dylan Groskreutz; **Police Dept.:** Ben Standahl; **Ambulance:** Dave Radtke via Zoom; **Fire Dept.:** Dave Malakowsky; **City Clerk:** Dawn Whitehead

Mayor Ramsley called to order the Special City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Purpose of meeting is to hold a 2023 Budget Workshop.

**PD:** Ben stated he would like to order a squad car in 2023, delivery 2024-2025. The State bid system typically has lowest price. The purchasing window opens up June 1<sup>st</sup>, open for a couple of months, however they have been closing early. Current Tahoe is a 2019, 4-yr old with 35,000 miles. It still has a decent trade-in value and trade-in is best before warranty expires. New Tahoe is \$40k, outfitted an additional \$20k. Trade-in value low end is \$25k, high end \$30k. Reserve savings has approximately \$34k. Jeff asked for research on body cameras and all the costs and storage. Ben asked to increase part-time pay from \$18/hr to \$21/hr. Mapleton, Wells, Blue Earth in 2023 minimum is \$21/hr.

**FIRE:** Dave M. reviewed the pumper bid of \$490,000, split 3-ways of \$163,465 between City, township and equipment fund. Jeff asked if Dave had written confirmation on their obligation, Dave stated 'no'. Jeff asked for options other than a brand new rig, owing to it's use of only 5-8 times a year. Jeff suggested using an expiring levy after 2024. Dave stated he would bring the township breakdowns & commitments next meeting. Richard suggested asking townships for the grass rigs since that is when it is used most.

Dave suggests new flooring for bathroom/entry way of fire hall, approx. \$3k, increasing building to \$5000 .

Dave suggested raising fees for fire call services.

**AMB:** Dave R suggested an increase of 2% to township fees. Professional Services increase to \$8,300 to provide for a grant writer for \$2,000. Fulltime clothing increase for new shirts and increase Reserve Savings to \$25,000 to account for inflation. Even with suggested increases overall Ambulance is down due to more accurate scheduling through Aladtec and wages are down because they are running with 2 crew members instead of 3 at times.

**PW:** Mike reviewed the blacktopping bid from [www.blacktopping](http://www.blacktopping) for mill and overlay of Minn Ave W, Erich St & Lake Ave W for \$127,820. Quote for all of Park St was \$107,660. Quote for Park just from Lake Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave was \$73,000. Park is a heavier traveled road than others on the quote. Not planning on crack sealing or seal coating. Edie asked Mike to continue to try to get a bid from Neilsen's Blacktopping.

Mike reviewed the quotes for New Shop: Reviewed the Vernon Center quote for \$32k for all materials inside the shop. Nordaas's quote for inside (not complete) was \$26k, and total was \$40k, which includes Greener Solutions (insulation). Reynolds Electric quote was \$14k for all electrical installation. Quality Overhead door quote is for center overhead door facing 4<sup>th</sup> Ave that will raise straight up and follow wall. Great Lakes Radiant quote for 2-heater install for \$3,580 in New Shop (we install). Todd Sonnek's labor for New shop was \$21k for labor/install, but not insulation. Total was \$78k. Mike suggested Option #2 that utilizes in-house installation - \$49,000 total. Todd would still do the ceiling install.

Sweeper works but needs a new conveyor belt that is approx. \$2k. MacQueen estimate of \$45,871 for 2007 model. 2200 hours, 2007 model. Trade-in value of \$2500. Sweeper is used once a month at least, more frequently in fall. Mike would fix the current sweeper if it prevents the new shop getting done.

Mike reviewed the sewer maintenance options from Empire. Option #1 is a 4-year Maint. Agreement - \$42,899.42 total – were they telescope and clean them sections each year. Year 1 is \$10,472.65 and increases to \$10,977.06 on yr 4. Option 2 is doing all lines at once of \$37,575.00, which saves approximately \$5,324.00. Sewer is an enterprise account and does not have to be considered for Levy calculations.

Mike talked about Central Tank painting quote on outside water tower - \$35k. Painting every 5 years or so. This too would be an enterprise account.

Mike spoke about the Feasibility Report quote from ISG, for Higbie Ave E from Main St to Railway Dr. They would get bore samples, evaluate water/sewer mains, extending curbs for a cost of \$17,500. This would be a 2024 bonded project. Also, if the new buyer of the school does what he says he’s going to do, the current 4” main down Higbie Ave would not be adequate. Jeff suggested rolling all the street projects Council has discussed into the bond project.

Mike passed out an equipment list of replacement schedule.

Mike spoke to Scott’s Helicopter Service to spray Zone 1 & 2 - \$6800, budgeted for \$5k. Mike asked to put \$2,000 in Reserved Savings for Snow & Ice, \$2,000 in Parks and Public Works \$5,000.

Council discussed the purchasing of a police vehicle.

**Edie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan, motion carried unanimously.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk/Treasurer