

Troy Council Budget Meeting
Council Chambers
July 26, 2012
7:00 pm

The meeting came to order at 7:30 pm. Present: Mayor Tony Brown; Council: Phil Fisher, Fran McCully, Joe Arts, and Crystal Denton, and City Clerk Tracy Rebo.

GUESTS: None

EXPENDITURES: Tracy Rebo advised that she has been looking into the ability to accept credit card payments and has received information from Pay.GOV. They set up the service and give the equipment at no cost to the City. Fran McCully asked if Black Mountain could interface with them. Rebo advised that it would cost over \$3930 and require a yearly maintenance fee and paid training. Denton stated that the transaction fee is automatically figured into the charge for the customers. Mayor Brown stated that it is a good idea and asked Rebo to check around for other companies that may offer the same. Discussion followed.

Discussion followed regarding training. McCully stated that it may be time for the deputy clerk to attend training this year. Denton asked if MMCTFOA was training. Rebo answered; yes. Arts asked if it is something that she needs to keep her certification. Rebo answered; yes. Rebo advised that training for her wouldn't just come out of the General fund. Funds were reviewed to see which paid for training in FY 11/12. Mayor Brown stated; show me where it is mandatory and I will support you, but if it is not mandatory, then I'm going to walk.

The judicial budget was discussed. Rebo advised that she had to break down everything and list the items that would have come out of the COS, that isn't funded this year.

Mayor Brown asked if union members pay different amounts for dues. Rebo answered; no, with the exception of Taylor and Boren, which are A-B members. Brown asked if the dues increase when the employees' wages increase. Rebo answered; yes, because of the percentage.

Brown brought up the City Attorney budget and asked if we were paying contributions on him. Rebo answered; no. Brown asked; no books? Rebo answered; not this year. Brown asked; not sending him to any training. Rebo answered; I have \$300 in it. Brown stated; if he isn't trained he shouldn't be a City Attorney. Denton stated; he is contracted, he should be providing that on his own. Rebo stated that she will take it out. McCully stated that we pay into a pool for the Building Inspector to go to training along with other cities. Rebo answered; he is the City's employee, not contracted like the attorney.

Brown asked who appoints the building inspector. Rebo answered; I'm not sure, he has been the inspector for over the 10 years that I've been here. She explained his percentage for wages. McCully stated; he is also the inspector for Libby. Brown expressed that he would like to see the Director of Public Works be the building inspector. Denton stated; he would have to go through training. Brown disagreed. Denton reiterated; the way things are now, I would guarantee he would need the training. Rebo advised that he would need certified. Brown stated; lets table this one; because I'm all for that. McCully and Fisher agreed.

City Hall budget was discussed. Rebo asked for two new office chairs. McCully suggested bringing the one from the Mayor's office in, and only ordering one chair. Brown asked for

clarification on how the ordering of office supplies was charged. Rebo explained. McCully asked; if each department has their own budget for supplies, why aren't they ordering their own. Rebo answered; it helps to keep track of what is being ordered. McCully stated her feelings that each department head should be responsible for their own supplies. Discussion followed. Rebo noted that all departments will be ordering their own office products. Brown continued with computer programs. Rebo advised that there is \$3124 budgeted for Black Mountain's yearly maintenance and updates. Postage and box rent was explained. Overtime was discussed. Employer contributions were discussed. Rebo explained insurance liability and property damage with MMIA. Maintenance was discussed, and Rebo explained that with the separation between departments, anytime maintenance is done on the City Hall building, their wages will come out of the General Fund. Discussion continued regarding the new dispatch center. Janitorial supplies were discussed. Rebo advised that she has \$900 budgeted in that fund to paint the office. McCully asked why the Public Works couldn't paint. Brown agreed that it should be contracted.

Police Department budget was discussed. Denton would like an increase to include video systems in the police vehicles to save liability issues. Training was explained that so many hours of post certified training is required to keep certifications. Wages were explained. Rebo advised that they no longer get a minimum wage stand by time. The employees will work the entire 8 hour period that they are filling in for, and will be paid overtime. MPORS was explained that it is based on wages.

Fire Department budget was discussed. Rebo explained with examples.

There was further discussion regarding the budget for the Building Inspector and building permit fees. There was discussion regarding personal property on city right of ways.

Rebo advised that the Christmas tree lighting has been moved into the Street Light fund.

Cemetery Services was discussed. Rebo advised that there is about \$400 a year in revenue that will be discussed at the next meeting.

Animal Control was discussed; Rebo advised that there were no wages budgeted, but there were for supplies and contracts.

Mayor Brown brought up overtime asking what we pay in overtime every year. It seems like everyone is getting overtime, maybe we should hire another person. Fisher stated that has been one of the biggest issues.

There was discussion on the sewer department and when it started operating in the red. Discussion followed regarding the sewer permit fee. Fisher advised of the job duties for the sewer department and added that some procedures are mandated by the state. Brown asked; even if it runs us in the hole. Fisher answered; yes, but, the answer from the State was to raise the rates so it doesn't go in the hole. Brown stated; not until we absolutely have to. Discussion followed regarding the progress the sewer fund has made. Denton asked; and we are in the second year into that? McCully answered; we were just now, in July, getting the new account totals. Rebo advised that she had already given the numbers in June, and the ending balance was -\$34,000 so we lost \$451 for the year and actually came out worse. McCully asked Brown; if you know any way to find testing for less, then we would do that. Brown answered; it is \$200.00 per test, we may get it for \$175.00 but that's nickels. Fisher agreed.

Discussion was held on wages and overtime for the employees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Discussion continued after Mayor Brown left. All Council members still present. Joe Arts left at 9:15 p.m. Remaining Council left at 9:30 p.m.

Anthony E. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Rebo City Clerk/Treasurer