

Troy Council Budget Meeting
Council Chambers
July 28, 2014
5:00 pm

Mayor Coldwell brought the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Present: Mayor Darren Coldwell And Council: Joe Arts, Dallas Carr and Kimberly Rowse; and City Clerk Tracy Rebo.

GUESTS: Clint Taylor

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

EXPENDITURES:

ELECTRIC UTILITY: Discussion – Coldwell asked about the training, Taylor advised that it is for the training for the office staff.

Taylor advised that the Northern Lights Contract is still being worked on. Taylor advised that he spoke with the cable technician and he recommends updating the computer in the City Shop.

Coldwell asked what contract labor entails. Taylor explained that it is for track utilities for under roads.

Coldwell asked about the \$5,000 increase in equipment. Taylor reminded him of the conversation regarding repairing controllers and the need to replace them this budget year. The need for tires was discussed.

Operating supplies - Taylor explained that it is for the day to day maintenance. Primary and secondary lines or underground service comes out of this. He added that transformers and poles have their own line item. Discussion followed regarding the Electric Utility Policy.

Capital expense - Taylor explained that the power poles come out of this item. He continued; the last time poles were ordered was in FY 11/12 and only a certain length. Now it is time to order the next size.

WATER UTILITY: Colwell advised that expenditures have been lowered in small items of equipment and repair and maintenance to leave funding to repair Sixth Street and Dent Avenue and that will be about \$15,000.

Codification was discussed. Rebo explained that it is the yearly fee that the company charges to maintain the website and any additions and changes to Ordinances need to be submitted to them.

Administration: Rebo advised that she put more in for training in the event that a scholarship is not received for the deputy clerk to go to training. Rowse asked for explanation on overtime. Rebo explained that last year was the first time they started weekend standby time, and advised of her figuring the average. Discussion followed.

Facilities: Coldwell advised that there were cuts made here as well. Carr asked about a snow plow. Coldwell answered that we will not be getting one.

Testing: Coldwell advised that this was lowered as well. Rebo explained that there will not be testing for the spill that was paid out of the last budget.

Discussion was held on the refinancing of the Rural Development Loan for the water projects.

SEWER UTILITY: Pump repair was discussed.

Rebo gave a history of previous years delinquencies in this fund. Carr asked how the increase came about. She explained that enforcing the policy of charging empty homes helped along with the \$2 rate increase. Testing also went down. Discussion followed.

Consultant services: Rebo advised that this may not be spending everything in this fund as she will be doing the year end now.

Salaries and wages: Rowse stated that when you increase the wages, it is not just the wages; it is also the Social Security, the Unemployment, the Workman's Compensation etc. Coldwell stated that he has been through this and doesn't see where it can be cut.

Clothing and Uniforms: This is new because of the safety requirements.

Repairs and Maintenance: Coldwell reviewed past years and questioned what the cost is this year. Rebo explained it is the chart recorder. Discussion followed.

Testing: Rebo explained that the permit changed and doesn't require as much testing; therefore, the cost of testing went down.

ADJOURN: Joe Arts made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm, Kimberly Rowse seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Darren Coldwell – Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer