

BUDGET WORKSHOP: September 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kerry Taylor, Council Robert Smestad Jr., Carolyn Brooks, Terrill Anderson, Randy Ebert

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Fisk, Chief Eric Anderson

The proposed 2024 Budget as submitted to council at their 8/30 workshop resulted in a tax levy increase of 8.2%. Fisk reported the new increase is now 17.6% after the final 2023a Bond came in today and the 8/30 budget changes were made primarily in the public works funds as follows in **Bold**:

FUND 405 PARKS CAPITAL OUTLAY:

I increased the tax levy in the 405 Parks Capital Outlay from \$12,500 to \$20,000. Due to new park equipment costs this could use additional funds above my \$20,000 levy. The 8/31/2023 fund balance is \$21,000.

Agreed to have the Park Commission review the park north of city hall for equipment replacement.

Contact vendor. The council may consider increasing this levy. **An increase to the proposed 20,000 levy was not made at the 9/6 council workshop.**

FIRE FUNDS 501 & 503:

Fire Service budget increased 9.2%. St. Boni portion of budget is 24.2%.

Chief Anderson presented the department's budget totaling \$456,755. He also requested a portion of the \$100,000 Public Safety Aid be placed in the fire department's capital outlay fund. He felt placing the amount received in 2022 from vehicle sale proceeds in the capital outlay fund would be fair. Current contract receipts funds in St. Boni only.

FUND 407:

Increased the proposed amount from \$1000 to \$3000.

FUND 502 PARKS, PUBLIC WORKS OPERATING FUND:

Changed the proposed crack filling from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Changed the proposed \$50,000 street patching to \$70,000. Public Works did not submit an estimate from a concrete company to repair the damaged floor drain in the Public Works building. \$5,000 currently in budget. Placed \$19,893 in the fund to allow for a seasonal part-time worker to work in 2024 starting April 1st and ending Nov 1st; 24 hours per week includes the current missile park seasonal worker working 200 hours.

Divided supplies between parks (16,000) and public works (29,000).

Consensus of the council was to include a general fund contingency account to equate to a 20% levy increase for consideration at their September 20th council meeting.

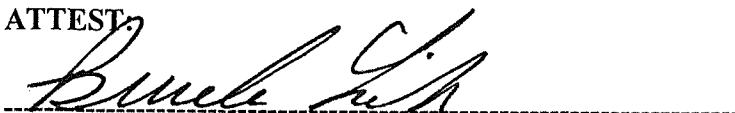
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS DECEMBER UPON FINAL LEVY:

- The city will be receiving \$100,000 at the end of the year to spend on Public Safety. The 507 Public Safety tax levy is \$163,698. This aid can be used to pay for services by reducing this levy.
- The fire service fund has a reserve of \$41,565 (St. Boni funds). The 2024 tax levy is \$102,065 – use reserves to reduce levy?
- Fund 307 2008 Bonds PIF end of year 2023 balance remaining is \$63,135. By the end of year in December the council should decide where to transfer funds by resolution closing this fund. I recommend transferring to Parks Capital Outlay to be used replacing equipment in various parks.
- Funds could be transferred from the water, sewer or storm sewer funds to reduce fund 309 2023 streets bond levy.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Taylor and seconded by Brooks to adjourn the meeting. All aye 5/0
6:55 pm

ATTEST:



Brenda Fisk, Adm/Clerk/Treasurer