

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS**

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Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Flammini, DeTienne, Shantal Taylor and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor. Mayor Harrison arrived at 5:45 P.M.

**BUDGET**

The following are recommended changes to the proposed budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

**Revenue:**

Recommended changes:

Business Licenses 10-00-2-00-620 – Due to business license fees submitted in the end of April 2009, actual for 2008/09 should be increased to \$43,201  
2009/10 Budget: Increase from \$42,000 to \$45,000

Township Assessor's Rent – Add \$8,700 for office rent to 10-00-5-00-642

Culvers – Add \$100,000, which is expected to be paid by Craig Culver

**Public Affairs/Legislative:**

Recommended changes:

Liquor Commission 10-01-1-02-315 – Should be \$600, instead of \$5,400, decreasing line item by \$4,800

New total: \$464,207

Commissioner Jim Taylor also recommended eliminating:

Special Events 10-01-1-02-295:

Safe Walk - \$200

Art Show - \$2,000

Employee Holiday Gathering - \$2,000

Employee Relations (Dept Head) - \$4,500

**Building & Zoning/Inspection:**

No recommended changes were proposed.

**Public Property:**

Commissioner Jim Taylor recommended eliminating all expenses for repairs to the Dome. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated she is meeting on May 27 with interested parties in restoring the Dome. It was agreed to wait until the outcome of this meeting, in order to determine any expenses for the Dome.

**Accounts & Finance:**

No recommended changes were proposed.

**TIF District #3:**

It was noted that investments have helped pay the Country Inn incentive, so the City will only have to contribute \$62,781 this year, in comparison with \$151,327 last year.

**Economic Development:**

The Council agreed to remove the following revenue until the funds are actually realized:

Reimbursement from Culvers 65-00-0-00-669 – Removing \$350,000 revenue

Sale of City property 65-00-6-00-690 – Removing \$750,000 revenue

Commissioner Flammini questioned whether or not the beginning deficit balance in Economic Development could be written off. Larry Pannell stated he will check with the auditor.

The Council agreed that Delaine Rogers would need to be present, in order to explain the details in the Economic Development, TIF and Cable Fund budgets.

**Public Works & Engineering:**

Ron Colangelo stated that the increase in Trees, line item 10-04-1-02-150, was due to tree planting, tree removal and gypsy moth control.

The Street and Bridge Fund has been transferred into the General Fund. There is no road program this year, unless stimulus funds become available.

No recommended changes were proposed.

**Police:**

Chief Booth recommended the following changes:

Police Overtime 10-03-1-01-020 – Decreasing from \$350,000 to \$300,000

Consultant 10-03-1-02-150 – Increasing from \$17,100 to \$23,100 for contract with Grant Writing Consultants

Uniforms 10-03-1-03-380 – Increasing body armor replacements from \$2,500 to \$4,500

Leased Circuits 10-03-1-02-310 – Increasing from \$7,500 to \$8,300

Computers 10-03-1-03-550 – Increasing from \$1,785 to \$9,000

Building & Grounds 10-03-1-04-800 – Decreasing from \$40,000 to \$35,000, as a project has already been completed

Chief Booth stated \$61,000 is in line item 10-03-1-05-990 for 2 squad cars. Instead of considering this purchase, Chief Booth recommended leasing vehicles, as 9 cars could be leased for approximately \$65,000 to \$70,000. Equipping the vehicles could be done with drug forfeiture funds.

The Council agreed to the following:

Motor Equipment 10-03-1-05-990 – Increasing from \$61,000 to \$70,000 for leasing 9 squad cars

**ESDA:**

John Schultz stated the ESDA facility is in bad repair, and will need to have funds considered for repairs and maintenance very soon, estimating \$75,000 to be needed. Chief Booth stated perhaps grant funds might become available for this purpose.

**Fire/Rescue:**

Chief Lewis stated there should be future revenue under Miscellaneous 13-00-1-00-659 for CPR classes.

Chief Lewis noted that the increase in Overtime Wages is due to reduction in staff and callbacks.

Chief Lewis stated a new vehicle should be placed under Capital Outlay 13-00-1-05-950, as this item is on the May 19 Council agenda for final approval.

**E911 Telephone System:**

It was suggested to consider placing a proposed E911 increase on a future referendum, as the amount has not been changed in 20 years.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved June 2, 2009