

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Hill called the workshop meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners McKinney, DeTienne, Fischer and Mayor Hill. Commissioner McDowell was absent. A quorum was present.

Also present: Police Chief Steve Dumyahn, Fire/Rescue Chief John Lewis, Accounts/Finance Director David Knabel, and Building & Zoning Director Richard Ianson. Public Works Director Ron Colangelo was absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kathy Champine, Zion, asked how much was allocated in the budget for FOIA expenses. Mayor Hill stated that no funds are budgeted for FOIA request expenses.

BUDGET/FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018

Director Knabel presented a proposed 2017/2018 General Fund budget. He stated that a correction was made to the Annual Fee Crime Lab line item which was underestimated. He stated that the amount budgeted should be \$64,404 not \$56,954 which increased the Net Income (Deficit) from \$183,718 to \$191,168.

Mayor Hill stated that the video gaming tax revenue line item is budgeted at \$125,000, however, tax to date totals \$140,000. He stated that the gaming tax revenue is expected to increase and recommended budgeting \$140,000.

Director Knabel stated that the General Fund budget reflects a \$191,000 deficit. He stated that the proposed budget includes the Water Fund transfer in the amount of \$200,000 and \$250,000 from cash reserves. He stated that he expects to hear from Walmart on June 7, 2017 regarding the reduction in incentive payments from 40% to 20% and extending the term which would reduce the annual budget to \$115,000 from \$250,000. Director Knabel stated that raises are not included in the proposed budget, therefore, a budget amendment would be necessary at a later date.

Commissioner Fischer asked how long the Walmart tax payment would be extended. Director Knabel stated that the City has forty quarters to pay, but will go beyond the term paying only \$115,000 annually, so the term would be extended as long as it takes to meet the terms of the agreement.

Director Knabel stated that the General Fund budget only would be considered for approval at the City Council meeting immediately following the workshop.

Mayor Hill asked what the budget change was from Fiscal Year 2016/2017 to 2017/2018. Director Knabel stated that there was an increase in expenses of 4.1% and an increase in revenue of 3%.

Mayor Hill stated that he discussed lowering attorneys' fees with the City Attorney in order to reduce costs. The City Attorney will respond to the Mayor's request next week.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Fischer and unanimously approved the workshop meeting be adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk