

CITY OF CHELSEY
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

JULY 25, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Eric Christensen
Council Members: Earl Beattie, Kurt Russell, Stacy Pascoe, and Jeff Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer: Sandy Gaydusek
Public Works Director: Chuck Lloyd
Police Chief: Rod Mohler
Recreation Dir: Dawn Lloyd

This meeting was held to discuss the new budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. Sandy presented copies of the budget worksheets that have been filled out tentatively.

The Mayor and Council determined that when Sandy figures the budget there would be no fee increase to the utility billing, and no raise in property taxes. Sandy said she has tentatively figured a 2% cost of living increase and to unfreeze the merit raises. She said the best case scenario so far in health insurance is a 3.5 % decrease; however the new health statements that everyone is completing will allow our insurance agents to obtain quotes from other insurance vendors. Sandy discussed each fund and said so far it appears the contingencies have risen in each fund except the Recreation Fund. She said she will need to work with Dawn's wage and move some back to the General Fund from the Recreation Fund to make it balance.

Sandy discussed the list of items each Department Head would like to purchase during the next fiscal year. Dawn will need a new pool cover, handicap lift for the pool, and a new pool cleaner. The Council discussed the possibility of renting a handicap lift each season rather than buying a lift and finding a place to store it. Dawn will check into this. Sandy said she would like to purchase two new computers to get updated, and there will be some expense to update our programming for some new Persi additions, and to allow electronic payments. Chuck would like a VFD for well #1, a part time grounds keeper, radios and updates, a sewer saw, and spray rig. Rod would like a new police vehicle, two tasers, two cameras, two guns, and to implement a new west program. Well #5 needs to be re-budgeted, and further maintenance and replacement to the city streets was discussed.

Jeff said there is a labor law that allows an employer to hire an employee age 18 or less with no experience for 90 consecutive days at \$4.25 per hour. He suggested the city look into this to use for pool and recreation employees.

The council discussed the possibility of receiving a discount from DBS from fuel. Sandy said she will contact Steve Johnson and find out.

The department heads discussed the orange tag fee at \$10, the turn off fee at \$25 and asphalt replacement at \$2 per square foot. The council agreed that these fees should be raised to: orange

tag fee to \$25, turn off fee to \$50 and asphalt replacement to \$3 per square foot. Sandy said she would prepare the necessary publications to these items can be considered at the Budget Hearing. Sandy said she will continue working on the budget, and will know the city valuation after August 3, 2012. She said from what she has heard, the valuation should be increasing which will reduce the levy rate. Sandy said the Assessor's office re-appraised the commercial properties in the city, so they would not see any reduction in property taxes, however residential properties should see a decrease in their city taxes if there valuation did not change.

It was determined that another work meeting would not be needed. The Mayor and Council called for a special meeting on August 9, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. to consider adoption of the tentative budget.

Adjourned: 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST: Sandy England APPROVE: Eric R. Cotton