

Public Safety Committee Minutes and Report to Council
4:00 p.m., March 29, 2021

Roll Call: Dave Slaughter
 Mike Morris
 Mayor Kleiss
 Drew Hoel
 Alta Long
 Craig Hastings
 Brian Moody
 Mike Salmon

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- FY2022 Budget. Long reviewed the prepared draft budgets for the Building & Electrical Inspection, Police and Fire Departments. It was noted that the department heads had each reviewed the budget draft with Long and provided input to proposed changes over last year's budget. Payroll numbers are not included pending development of a wage and salary recommendation by Mayor Kleiss and the Finance and Admin Committee. Specific comments by department were:
 - Equipment Replacement. A potential squad car replacement is the only anticipated expense. Hastings noted that the Ford Explorer is the only viable "police package" replacement available, at an estimated cost of \$35,000.
 - Building & Electrical Inspection. Salmon will again attempt to attend additional certification classes when they become available, so that line item remains slightly higher than usual. All other line items unchanged.
 - Police Department.
 - Revenue and expense lines reflect both the insurance proceeds from the collapsed building and the anticipated expense of replacing it. Final design of the building will need to be determined in coordination with street department. Committee members discussed possible layout, location, and design.
 - Hastings recommends step increases for Officers Jimenez and Bradley. This will be accommodated in payroll budget for later council action.
 - Hastings reported on status of efforts to identify a candidate to fill staffing vacancy created by Officer Wienke resignation. Getting a training spot is a challenge due to COVID. Full staffing of 7 officers will be accommodated in payroll budget.
 - All other lines items remain unchanged from prior year.
 - Fire Department
 - Salaries will remain the same amount. However, Hoel and Moody discussed a proposal under development to clarify/simplify calculation of firefighter pay that will be cost neutral.
 - The Capital Outlay line reflects purchase of 18 sets of replacement bunker gear and matching funds for an applied-for grant to replace SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) gear.

- Moody discussed the possibility of converting a Street Department 1-ton truck scheduled for trade-in into a “brush truck” for use in rapid response to field fires. Moody feels this can be accomplished for a few thousand dollars and potentially save wear and tear and exposure to much more expensive fire trucks not designed for off-road use.
- Repairs and Maintenance line item includes some needed maintenance on tornado sirens and a replacement walk door at the South Fire Station.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.