

MINUTES OF MEETING: JULY 26, 2016

Mayor Muska called the workshop to order at 6:08 pm. Karla Dulock, Cheryl Marak, Brian Muska, and Steve Vanek were present. David Pratka was not present.

The purpose of this workshop was to go over the first draft of the 2016 - 2017 fiscal budget. Mayor Muska went over the capital outlay wish list for public works which included two 2016 Kawasaki Mules, a tandem axle haul trailer, and a pneumatic roller. The police department is requesting a new proposed pay structure for all officers and supervisors.

Police Chief Barton presented first with his proposed pay structure for the police department in which he believes will help in the recruitment and retention of quality police officers. He included a pay comparison to show what other cities around West currently pay their police officers and staff. At current pay rates he said we have been able to hire officers that are just starting their careers or some that are retired but supplementing their income. We train the new officers just to have them leave to go to bigger agencies. The new pay structure will allow us to be able to recruit experienced police officers that would like to stay at West and carry out their professional career here.

Public Works Director, C.J. Gillaspie went over his capital outlay wish list. He said he is requesting two Kawasaki Mules because the two golf carts that they have are maybe 10-12 years old and they have a lot of wear and tear and maintenance costs. He is also requesting a haul trailer for the skid steer that they purchased this past year. He said it takes 10-15 minutes to drive across town and it's taking a toll on the equipment. He said the skid steer weighs 12,000 lbs. and the trailer can haul a load of 14,000 lbs. He said the city currently has a pneumatic roller but it's about 50 years old and the motor is shot and the transmission leaks. We could have it repaired but it would cost about \$5,000 or more. A new one would cost about \$130,000 to \$140,000. He priced a used one at \$30,000 and this is what he is suggesting.

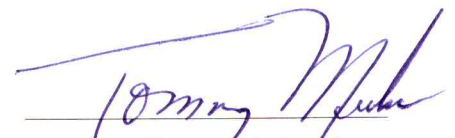
Council spoke about revisions for the next budget meeting.

Council will meet again on August 2, 2016 at 5:30 pm in workshop to discuss budget.

Council adjourned at 7:35 pm.



Shelly Nors, City Secretary



Tommy Muska, Mayor