

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP: JULY 20, 2021

Mayor Muska called the workshop to order at 5:30 pm. Tommy Muska, Natalie Kelinske, David Pratka, Steve Vanek, Joe Pustejovsky and Jimmy Doherty were present.

CJ Gillaspie was present and proposed his salary recommendations to the council. He would like to give merit raises based on his employee's performance. He would like to give a larger increase to a couple of the employees in the street department whose pay is fairly low. There were some discrepancies in his percentages on his pay scale, so he is going back to the drawing board and will present the numbers at the next budget workshop.

Darryl Barton was present and proposed his salary recommendations. He stated that an increase was needed for recruit and retention purposes. He still has one full time position open. The council discussed a 3% increase across the board for all full time employees excluding the new hire. The council also discussed an approximate increase of 5% for the police chief. The ammo requested in the previous budget workshop could be purchased under the current budget under police supplies and the in-car cameras for \$12,000.00 will be placed under capital outlay for the budget year.

Shannon Cox discussed a program called TextMyGov. It is a notification system via text messages to notify residents and business owners of any issues, such as water leaks, road closures etc. The system also allows citizens to send messages to report information such as code issues, potholes, animal control, etc. The cost to implement would be \$3700.00 for the first year and this cost includes a 1 time setup fee of \$1000. After the first year it will be \$2700.00 annually. Jimmy Doherty stated the school uses a notification system similar. Natalie asked that Shannon check with the school on what they use, and she was going to check with her employer on what they use.

For the next meeting the council wanted CJ to fix his numbers on his employees' salaries and get a firm price on the water line for the Long subdivision.

The next budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 27 at 5:30 pm at the Community Center. Council adjourned at 6:50 pm.



Tommy Muska, Mayor



Shelly Nors, City Secretary