

Mayor David Sims called the special council meeting of April 11, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sims, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith and Adam Arthur, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Mike Klaus, Police Chief Vic Watson, and Street Superintendent John Youngwirth. Councilman Ken Toline was gone due to illness.

The purpose of the special meeting was to review the fiscal year 2017 budget.

Rick Alonzo moved to add a late agenda item to approve the purchase of an irrigation pump, variable frequency drive, and piping for the irrigation system at the golf course. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mike Klaus explained the cost of the pump and motor for the irrigation system at the golf course. He said the cost of the new pump is less than what the City paid a few years ago to have it rebuilt. The pump will be located near hole number eight. There will also be a portion of discharge pipe that will be installed as well as a pressure sensor and variable frequency drive. Ron Smith moved to approve the purchase of irrigation pump, variable frequency drive, and piping for the golf course. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Fiscal year 2017 budget was reviewed.

Police Chief Vic Watson informed council that the School District wanted to discontinue teaching DARE in the schools because they wanted to have a school resource officer (SRO) instead. The City garners \$30,000 from the School District, \$6,000 from Boundary County, and \$6,000 from the City each year to support the DARE/SRO program.

Vic explained to council that he has not filled the open police position due to concerns about funding. The group discussed funding and issues we are facing in this fiscal year. The actual fund balance carryforward at September 30, 2016 is about \$57,000 short of the estimate made at budget preparation time.

Take home police vehicles were discussed as well as a part-time employee for snow blowing. John Youngwirth said when we do the highway project and have sidewalks on both sides of the highway we will need more help. Mayor Sims said there will be a maintenance agreement with Idaho Transportation Department. He is thinking about asking the Urban Renewal Agency to help pay for the maintenance for mowing and snow blowing the sidewalks.

Mayor Sims said we need to talk about the fine income. Vic said he is not running a traffic enforcement type of department but he can look at this. He has a community policing philosophy. Council agreed that more traffic citations should be issued. No one will get a ticket unless they are breaking the law. Mental hold cases were discussed and the overtime that is generated due to these types of cases.

The fixed portion of the general fund budget for fiscal year 2017 for wages and fringe is \$1,286,231. Budget for operations is \$644,750, capital is \$72,625, and contingency is \$264,746.

Mayor Sims suggested for fiscal year 2018 budget that we set contingency and capital and then give the department heads an amount to work with in their budget.

Council agreed to fill the SRO position with an in-house officer. Vic said he will have to go to eight hour shifts rather than ten hour shifts and do some scheduling changes.

We will readdress budget again in May, when revenue estimates will be available. The group briefly discussed dispatch fees paid to the County.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

David Sims, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk