

NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL
Budget Workshop
October 20, 2009 ~ 6:30 p.m.
City Hall 407 Birch Ave SW, Napavine

The Mayor called the budget workshop to order at 6:32 p.m. Present were Councilors Larry Stafford, John Sayers, and Councilor Ken Williams by telephone conference, Judge Joe Mano, Clerk-Treasurer Mary Todd. Public Works Director Steve Ashley is in another meeting Councilor Paula Sandirk was delayed by a train. No decisions will be made during this budget workshop.

Mayor Bozarth reported that there is no money to hire another officer for 2010, which he chose to leave the Police Chief's position vacant.

Councilor Ken Williams questioned the Parks Capital Improvement fund. Revenues to Capital Improvement are repayment of an interfund loan. The original purpose of the Current Capital Improvement fund was to build a concession stand at the Community Park. Question can we use that fund for the skate park.

Councilor Paula Sandirk stated we could reallocate property tax from street to current expense. Public Works Director advised council against reallocating funds from street, which is a fund that is struggling financially. When the city grows and new streets are developed, the city has to maintain those streets. Also there are two streets that need repaved, Somerville Road and Mill Road. Councilor Ken Williams stated he talked to Railroad regarding Mill Road. If we overlay it, Mill Rd will not get any better until the RR put culverts in.

Councilor Ken Williams stated we need police protection with a working Chief and two officers. Councilor Larry Stafford stated the staff we have now can handle the job and continue as is and give the current officers a chance to gain experience.

Councilor Paula Sandirk questioned the expenditures in the garbage fund is more than the revenues projected. Clerk-Treasurer Mary Todd explained that the beginning balance is added to the projected revenues and the total funds available are appropriated expenditures for remittance per the contract with LeMay and excise and B & O tax.

Question regarding the increase for city attorney. The city attorney stated that he his workload has increased for the city and the Mayor reported that he negotiated a \$200 increase.

Question on the miscellaneous revenue of \$74,000 in current expense, answer is that about \$70,000 is for rent from each department pays rent based on the square footage of the space they occupy. Councilor Paula Sandirk asked to have the budget reflect the rent portion be separated from the miscellaneous revenue.

Discussion regarding hiring Reserve Officers under the badge of an officer in charge. Reserve Officers are mandated to work a minimum of 20 hours, with five reserve officers that would give

us 100 hours of additional police coverage. Mayor Bozarth stated that we could enter into a Memo of understanding with Winlock to share officers for police coverage.

Councilor John Sayers questioned the Judge on any mandates for court equipment. Judge Mano stated that he was not aware of any. Judge Mano did state that the court is looking into purchasing a new recording system for court, which the clerk's office would share in the cost. Clerk-Treasurer Mary Todd reported that at the time of preparing the priority list was unaware of this and the Clerk's office is trying to save money to purchase new software for the budget program, which is still running on DOS and if the software crashes we will be in trouble.

Councilor Paula Sandirk stated we may need more budget workshops.

Budget workshop adjourned at 7:55 p.m. No decisions were made during the workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Todd
Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor

Councilor