

Minutes of the special council meeting held April 1, 2024, at 5:00pm. Present council members Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, Austin Miller, Sean Roman, Trent Adams, and Mary Moore. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson and City Clerk Tanna Leonard were also present.

Meeting called to order at 5:00p.m. by Mayor Rodriguez.

Clerk reported that this was the second meeting of the budget where council would be working on reducing the requested budget. Council began with a \$268K deficit and reduced that by \$100K at the previous meeting and would be working towards their zero deficit goal.

Council approved the following:

Increasing gym rental rates by \$5 per hour

Increasing room rental rates by \$25 monthly

Increasing cremation fees to \$250 and traditional fees to \$650, this increase would help cover wages, equipment, and material used for burials. The costs are also still competitive with other similar sized cemeteries.

Some budgeted part-time salary line items that could be reduced in mowing (\$2,000) areas and OT (\$1,000) in streets as it is charged to Road Tax.

Reduce street engineering by \$10K for FY25, since street projects had been engineered and council will be focusing on construction in these years. If unexpected engineering is needed Road Tax funds could be utilized.

Reduce cemetery engineering as engineering projects at the cemetery were completed (\$1,000)

Reduce \$40K from Fire Department FY25 request for a new building grounds and maintenance reserve of \$50K

Reduce where possible from Park Board budget increases that were added for not complying with the budget (Approx. \$3,000-4,000) and also remove the remaining \$5,000 from park board splash pad.

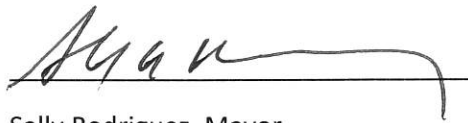
Fund \$35K from Community Development for a one-time purchase for roof for Public Works

Clerk suggested funding some of the Local Option funds from streets and community development to assist with the levy for the debt service bond payment. Council concurred with this proposal.

Clerk requested that she take back these proposals and review them for council to review on Thursday April 4, 2024 @ 5:00pm.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Roman to approve resolution 2024-17 setting the public hearing date for the FY25 budget for April 25@6:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 6:10. Motion carried unanimously.



Sally Rodriguez, Mayor



Tanna Leonard, City Clerk