

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD A BUDGET HEARING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Nash, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale, Dr. Knable and President McLaughlin. Mr. Coffey was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Hall, Mr. Wood, Mr. Strieps, Police Chief Bailey, Fire Chief Juliot and Mrs. Glotzbach

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Gibson stated that the six-month flood control budget to actual is being passed out by Mrs. Moeller. He also stated that Mr. Hall checked with the website company and was told that it is running on any all launches so if anyone has any problems, please let himself or Mr. Hall know. He said that water park attendance as of yesterday was 33,718 people.

Mr. Blair asked what it was at the end of last year.

Mr. Gibson stated that it was in the high end of 37,000 people and should end up about the same this year.

Dr. Knable asked about the street department amount from last week.

Mr. Gibson stated that Mrs. Moeller is going to pass that out as well.

Mr. Caesar asked if there will be a hard number that they will get at some point.

Mr. Gibson stated that what Mrs. Moeller is passing out is pretty much it.

PLAN COMMISSION

Mr. Gibson stated that this budget is staying pretty much the same as it has been. He then asked Mr. Wood how many positions he has.

Mr. Wood said basically they have four full-time positions funded with three that are filled right now and one zoning enforcement position that is vacant.

Mr. Gibson added that the zoning enforcement position will be added on as they are completing the modifications and changes to the zoning code which should be late fall. He said they will probably start advertising that position before then so that when the new code is passed that person is hitting the ground running.

Mr. Caesar stated that they have only used 36% of their budget so far this year and asked how that works.

Mr. Wood stated that the vacant position was in the budget last year as well and part of the reason they have not filled it is because they have no space to put them in because they are right on top of each other now.

Mr. Phipps asked what happens to the unused funds for that position at the end of the year.

Mr. Gibson replied that it stays in the general fund.

Dr. Knable asked what the major qualifications will be for the new zoning enforcement position.

Mr. Wood stated that a degree in public administration or a degree in urban planning and a degree in construction management would be helpful as well.

Dr. Knable asked if the funding for the 20-year planning consultants that were used last year came out of Mr. Wood's budget.

Mr. Gibson stated that it was budgeted out of either EDIT or Riverboat.

Mr. Wood stated that they haven't spent 100% of their printing budget in the last couple of years but they will be doing that because they have the comprehensive plan that they want to get out and available to all departments. He also stated that the zoning ordinance is going to be an electronic document and will have a lot of hyperlinks in it but will be formatted so that you can read it on any device. He added that he knows that some people are still not comfortable with electronic devices so he wants to have paper copies of that available as well which is close to 300 pages.

Mr. Barksdale asked if that new position will stay with the department year after year.

Mr. Wood replied yes and stated that is what is hoped.

Dr. Knable stated that he feels that everyone on the council should have a hard copy of the zoning ordinance so if extra funds need to be allocated to do that then that should be done.

Mr. Gibson stated that can be done.

Mr. Blair asked where we are on scheduling for annexation.

Mr. Wood replied as soon as the zoning ordinance is finished and adopted by the council. He explained that a lot of background research is done on demographic information and property ownership information including parcels that are listed as null by the county in 38DN.

Mr. Blair asked Mr. Wood if he updates 38DN.

Mr. Wood stated that the county does that.

Mr. Blair stated that is a revenue generating activity and asked if it is worthwhile to bring someone in as a consultant or part-time to get us moving on annexation or on the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Wood stated that the zoning ordinance is 80% right now and the last 20% is the last bit and piece and that's why he thinks they will be rolling it out to the council and the public in late September or early October.

Mr. Blair stated that at their last meeting he was told that it would start in the summer and now all of a sudden it is late fall and it keeps getting pushed back and that is a lost opportunity to us.

Mr. Wood explained that they had a consultant come in December to write the zoning ordinance and when he was supposed to get the first draft to them in May, he had nothing to send but a cut and paste of another ordinance he had written. He said they terminated the contract with him and got a new guy on and it is now at 80% with 80 days with this new consultant. He also said that

he regrets losing those five months but there was no way for him to know that he would not provide what was needed.

Mr. Phipps stated that the committee has met three or four times since May.

Mr. Wood stated that they have had three steering committee meetings along with a member from the plan commission and a member from the BZA plus his staff since they put the new guy on.

Mr. Phipps stated that the council will be impressed with it when it is brought before them.

Mr. Blair stated that he wants to get at least one area annexed before election time.

Dr. Knable asked Mr. Blair if there is anything they can do to push that as far as helping to prioritize it.

Mr. Blair stated that he thinks that a consultant should be brought in to help with the zoning or a consultant to help with the annexation because there is money allocated in the budget.

Dr. Knable stated that it sounds as though they have a handle on the zoning part of it but agrees that the annexation has been in a holding pattern for a long time.

TREE BOARD NON-REVERTING

Mr. Gibson stated that the budget is \$11,500.00 again this year and they will see later where money is taken from EDIT and transferred to this fund because obviously it doesn't generate cash or anything so it has to be funded in some fashion.

Mrs. Moeller stated that the green headings on the paperwork are the non-reverting funds.

Dr. Knable asked what the biggest priority is on the tree board this year.

Mr. Streips replied that is the plantings which they have already started this year. He stated that they have a lot of opportunities in town and a big part of that is due to the inventory and management project that they are going through right now.

Dr. Knable stated that he hears a lot of people talking about native trees and asked if there is some wisdom to just being a disease resistant, drought resistant tree that is lower maintenance regardless of whether it is native or not.

Mr. Streips stated that Mr. Greg Mills has been valuable over the years with directing the board on sites that come up as far as exactly what tree should be planted and what shouldn't.

Mr. Barksdale stated that downtown is not native and we have created this urban setting so we need to look at the urban type tree that will do the very best for us. He then asked Mr. Streips what the numbers are as far as plantings.

Mr. Streips stated that they have planted around 70-75 trees around town and their goal by the end of the year is 100 new plantings.

Mr. Barksdale stated that there have been three private citizens come forward and pay for trees that have gone around two of their properties and Mr. Ed Wilkinson is up for 20 trees to be planted in Suellen's memory.

Mr. Streips stated that has been really helpful with the limited budget that they have.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if they could do anything like a “buy a tree” fundraiser.

Mr. Streips replied absolutely and stated that the board would definitely be in favor of that.

Mr. Blair asked in what areas the trees are being planted.

Mr. Streips replied mostly around the downtown area.

Mr. Blair asked if the board would take suggestions of other locations in town.

Mr. Streips replied absolutely.

Mr. Barksdale stated that they did do Oakwood.

Mr. Blair stated that the board has talked about how great this arborist is and he was supposed to put pines back in and the next thing he knew he brought arborvitaes and asked why he switched in the middle of that.

Mr. Streips stated that he would look into that. He then presented a map showing tree plantings over the city for the council to review.

Mr. Barksdale stated that when we do a new sidewalk project, Mr. Mills makes sure that trees get planted on the contractor’s dime.

Mr. Streips stated that the last time they did a management plan in 2000, the estimate for a budget was to appropriate \$50,000.00 for the year and to raise up to \$150,000.00 more so you would need \$200,000.00 per year for everything that they recommend doing.

Mr. Blair stated that he believes there is room in EDIT and Riverboat for additional expenditures but he would like to see a plan before they do anything. He then challenged the tree board to come up with a plan sooner than later and stated that he feels there is money in EDIT or Riverboat that can be allocated but he would have to see a plan.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Mr. Gibson stated that there are no changes major in nature in this budget. He said that in the past few years, we have done a budget and the county hasn’t quite agreed with it so the plan this year is to send the budget that was approved last year and ask what they anticipate seeing and then we will fund those various components.

Mr. Nash asked if other towns are still on board.

Mr. Hall stated that they have a contract with Georgetown that is separate and they don’t service Greenville at all.

Mr. Gibson stated that they have chosen to handle their own.

Mr. Caesar asked how many full and part-time employees.

Mr. Hall replied seven full-time and ten part-time.

Mr. Blair asked if the county is funding their fair share.

Mr. Hall replied yes, they are currently.

Mr. Gibson stated that we have received three checks from the county so far this year. He then stated that Mr. Hall does a very good job working with the budget he has and working with all the governmental entities that he works with.

Mr. Hall stated that on the eclipse day they are giving away free black cats.

Mr. Caesar asked how the dog and cat population is in the city as compared to years past.

Mr. Hall stated that he notices a big difference when they start providing education to people and he doesn't think that the population has increased but feels that we may have better maintenance of the population now. He also stated that the city has offered many amenities that they haven't in the past like the dog park which is an excellent way for them to get exercise. He said that they also do spay and neutering now and that the rescue league has partnered with them on that as well as receiving grants.

Mr. Blair stated that Mr. Hall has helped him with barking dog situations and educating the pet owners.

Mr. Hall stated that when you offer people solutions and reasons for those solutions, they understand better so education is a key part of it and that takes a lot of time of the staff.

Mr. Caesar stated that it is because of good leadership.

Mr. Hall thanked him.

VETERINARY NON-REVERTING

Mr. Gibson explained that it is generally staying the same and includes city and county contributions but also includes some of the revenue they generate through adoptions and other things.

Mr. Caesar asked if our general fund is funding some of this.

Mr. Gibson stated that it is a budgeted amount in our general fund so that was part of the problem with the county because we didn't always quite get our money. He explained that money we get from the county goes into our income through the general fund.

ANIMAL CONTROL RUNS NON-REVERTING

Mr. Hall stated that a lot of this is from fines and licensing. He explained that cats have to be licensed in both city and county and dogs have to be licensed in city only because of state law.

Mr. Blair asked what percentage of our animal population is licensed.

Mr. Hall stated that it is hard to say but believes there are more cats than dogs.

POLICE

Mr. Caesar asked how many police officers we have.

Police Chief Bailey replied 68 but stated that he is budgeted for 72 and they have two slated to retire this year.

Mr. Gibson stated that they also have four non-officer employees which are records clerks, insurance staff, etc.

Mr. Caesar asked if this budget reflects the same 2% salary increase.

Mr. Gibson replied yes.

Police Chief Bailey stated that they do not have a contract outstanding for 2018.

Dr. Knable asked when the current contract expires.

Police Chief Bailey stated that it is a two year contract and they will begin negotiations next year for 2019.

Dr. Knable asked if the new union leader has become permanent.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he was elected by FOP so he is permanent.

Mr. Gibson stated that the negotiation process will start again next year for 2019.

Mr. Blair asked if police cars were budgeted.

Mr. Gibson replied no.

Mr. Caesar asked if everyone is gone from the 72 plan.

Police Chief Bailey replied that he thinks Mr. Caesar is referring to the 29 plan. He then asked Mrs. Moeller.

Mrs. Moeller stated that she thinks that there is only one left on the 25 plan and everyone else is in the 77 plan.

Mr. Gibson stated that the 77s are funded through the state retirement program but we have one left the city purely funds.

POLICE MERIT COMMISSION

Mr. Gibson stated that this is the board that hires, takes disciplinary actions and promotes officers but Police Chief Bailey has some discretion with disciplinary under 40 hours. He added that the commission was set up in 1972.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if merit commissions are pretty much standard in Indiana.

Police Chief Bailey stated that his experience is that it is about 50/50 but most of the larger departments have merit commissions. He explained that there is a statute that drives it and then there are localities that have adopted ordinances that are more specific.

Mr. Blair asked who is on that commission.

Police Chief Bailey replied Mr. Tony Toran, Ms. Denise Beckwith, Mr. Lamar Dowell, Mr. Jack Dykes and Mr. Pat Duffy. He said that they have a great relation and things are really good with the merit commission right now and he couldn't be happier with where it stands.

POLICE PENSION

Mr. Gibson stated that there is a pension board that handles the retirement plans and those kinds of things. He explained that the top part is the 4100s which are the retirees and the bottom part is the staff that is required to get various things done. He also explained that the \$1.5M is the amount that we usually end up paying through the year for retirees but then get reimbursed by the state minus the one retiree.

Police Chief Bailey stated that the pension secretary is Mr. Mike Mills and he does an excellent job and has done it for a number of years.

Mr. Gibson stated that death benefits are statutorily driven and are in the amount of \$12,000.00 for officers that die outside of the line of duty. He said they hope to not have any during the year but budget for about three.

Police Chief Bailey stated that unfortunately, they have used three of them this year.

Mr. Blair asked if we have a larger life insurance policy on active officers.

Mr. Gibson stated that it is in the contract but he thinks it is \$25,000.00 for active officers.

Dr. Knable asked how many retirees we have.

Police Chief Bailey replied that he is going to guess 35-40.

Mr. Caesar asked how they can tell what actually came out of the city's budget.

Mr. Gibson stated that the fund balance report that the council gets every month shows money coming in, money going out and the balance.

Mr. Caesar stated that it shows a big number but we are not really spending a big number.

Mr. Gibson agreed and said this is one that is funded by the property levy so if we need money to be moved over then we do but we have not had to do that for a couple of years.

Mr. Blair stated that the thing that is hard for him to reconcile is that there are all these different funding mechanisms.

Mr. Gibson again referred to the fund balance report.

Mr. Blair said that doesn't tell the funding source.

Mr. Gibson stated that the source of the funds in those situations is reimbursements.

Mr. Blair stated that it doesn't say it on the fund balance report.

Mrs. Moeller stated that is the only source that it comes from. She also stated that they file a report every January with the state for the previous year and they audit us on that report and last

month we just got reimbursed for 2016 so it takes a while. She added that the pension secretaries for both police and fire do very good bookkeeping.

Mr. Gibson stated that there are only two income streams for this type of fund which are the property tax levy and the reimbursement from the state retirement. He added that we are not allocating any money from the levy for police or fire pensions from the budget and haven't for several years.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Gibson stated that it is a flatline budget with the exception of the 2% that has been budgeted. He said they currently have 12 full-time employees.

Police Chief Bailey stated that is correct but two are in training and they also have four part-time employees.

Mr. Blair asked how you see the 911 budget in this.

Mrs. Moeller stated that it is communications in EDIT.

Mr. Gibson stated that when communications was brought over, he did not want to take the economic stuff and merge it with communications so you have to look at the bottom 911 number and that number is transferred over and taken out of EDIT.

ABANDONED VEHICLE NON-REVERTING

Mr. Gibson stated that is the fund for vehicles towed and auctioned off and does bring in about \$180,000.00 per year. He said the biggest item is contractual services which we use to pay the tow companies for their services.

Mr. Caesar asked if we are actually making money on this.

Mr. Gibson replied yes, we usually generate a profit.

Mr. Caesar stated that the council would know about anything that is spent out of here.

Mr. Gibson replied anything that is spent over budget would require an additional appropriation.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

Police Chief Bailey stated that this is the revenue generated from traffic citations from the state of Indiana.

Mr. Gibson stated that \$4.00 on each citation that is paid comes back to the city into this fund. He also stated it is statutorily driven and is used for training.

INTEREST FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARE

Mr. Gibson stated that this is drug bust money and things that come back to the law enforcement agencies that have participated.

Dr. Knable asked what accounts for the jump in 2018.

Mr. Gibson said that they did a fabulous job in the amount of \$288,000.00.

Dr. Knable asked if the city has plans for that extra income.

Police Chief Bailey replied yes and stated that there is a necessary item that fits within the statute for the tactical team that is needed that he is looking to fund with this.

Mr. Aebersold asked if any of this goes back to the state or do we get to keep it all.

Police Chief Bailey stated that it is all federal and depending on what the operation is and what percent of our people work toward that then there is a percentage that comes back our way. He gave the example of one that Mr. Gibson referred to which was over \$1M that was accounted for and we received our share of about 25%.

FIRE

Mr. Caesar asked how many firefighters he has.

Fire Chief Juliot replied 76.

Mr. Gibson stated that they have budgeted for 83. He stated that they have also budgeted for an administrative staff person.

Dr. Knable asked if anyone is retiring at the end of this year.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that he has one that will be next year and have seven vacancies right now.

Mr. Gibson stated that we have several this year and a roll over from last year that we are slowly getting off of the books. He then asked about eligible candidates.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they have done the agility test, written test and interview process and have 23 eligible candidates right now.

Mr. Gibson stated that hopefully those spots will be filled soon.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that it takes about two months to go through the hiring procedure and approximately three months to train.

Mr. Caesar asked if everything is looking good for overtime.

Mr. Gibson replied yes.

Dr. Knable asked about the tower.

Mr. Gibson stated that several years ago we got a grant for a communications system so that is what transmits all of the signals.

Dr. Knable asked what the current determination is of NARCAN.

Mr. Gibson stated that he could check.

Mr. Blair asked where we are at on the union negotiations on the contract. He also stated that he would like to go back and discuss overtime because we have used 79% up through half of the year.

Mr. Gibson stated that we have a three year contract with them so it goes through 2019. He also stated that bringing on the extra seven people will help with overtime. He said that they are working on a light duty policy for injured firefighters to encourage them to come in and do some light duty work or hopefully encourage them to heal quicker from their injuries.

Mr. Blair asked if we have our own medical doctor to examine them.

Mr. Gibson stated that we have the ability to send them to PERF when we feel it is being abused or excessive and have done that a few times in the past.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that if they go to PERF and they say they are fit for duty but their doctor says they aren't then they go to half pay.

Mr. Aebersold asked about holiday work.

Mr. Gibson stated that his opinion is that it is the way it has been done in the past but has been negotiated out of the police contract but has not been negotiated out of the fire contract.

Mr. Aebersold asked if he would rather have it like the police.

Mr. Gibson stated that it is a true and accurate picture of the costs of salaries and does cost the city more because in holiday pay, we don't have a PERF contribution. He said that it was negotiated in the police contract because it raises their pension.

Mr. Barksdale asked about the equipment that was damaged in the Breakwater fire and where we are on insurance.

Fire Chief Juliot explained that replacement equipment is coming in and Breakwater paid for a big chunk of that but we are still out a couple of radios and a thermal camera which should be replaced with our insurance.

Mr. Blair asked if it covered overtime.

Fire Chief Juliot replied no.

Dr. Knable asked if there were any injuries.

Fire Chief Juliot replied no.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if there was any policy or anything put in place going forward as far as reporting any incidents where a fire extinguisher is used.

Mr. Gibson stated that the fire was from a contractor that they had hired who thought he had put out the fire but didn't. He said that he would assume that contractor has probably put procedures in place to report incidents like that now but he can't think of anything from a fire department standpoint as far as what we would recommend.

Mr. Caesar asked if that could be put in planning a zoning for someone who gets a permit.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that contractors have codes that they have to follow and they were negligent.

FIRE CONTRACT RUNS

Mr. Gibson stated this is funded through Horseshoe and we have an agreement with them that we will serve them if they have a fire which they need for their fire insurance. He also stated that this funds most of the command staffs' vehicles.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that the contract for the vehicles is in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Dr. Knable asked what their average response time is to Horseshoe.

Fire Chief Juliot replied seven to nine minutes.

FIRE PENSION

Mr. Gibson stated that this is the same funding mechanism as we discussed with the police pension.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they are all 77s but we do have several retirees and widowers who are 37s.

BOARD OF WORKS

Mr. Gibson stated that there are no major increases in this budget other than the 2%. He said salaries include three full-time employees and two part-time employees that are funded out of this budget.

Mr. Blair asked what the positions of the three full-time employees are.

Mr. Gibson replied Mr. Michael Hall/Operations, Mr. Brad Walker/IT and Mr. Mickey Thompson/Right-of-way Coordinator. He stated that the two part-time positions are the receptionists at the front desk.

Mr. Blair asked if the board members are paid.

Mr. Gibson replied no. He then stated that annexation is for the fire district and we have to pay part of their debt and budget about \$40,000.00 for that.

Mr. Caesar asked if we have several years left on that.

Mr. Gibson stated that it all depends on the debt and will slowly get lower and smaller because their debt is decreasing and we pay 8.3% of that debt. He said he would have to check on how much time we have left.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding annexing further out Charlestown Road.

Mr. Blair stated that he thought rent on the city-county building was \$190,000.00 and asked if it has gone up or has it always been \$200,000.00.

Mrs. Moeller stated that rent is \$92,000.00 two times per year.

Mr. Gibson stated that he has budgeted \$200,000.00 for the last couple of years to have a little cushion in case something breaks. He gave the example of the money that the city pitched in on replacing a chiller for the building a few years ago.

Mr. Blair asked what contractual services is.

Mr. Gibson stated that is to hire engineers for smaller street projects or sidewalk projects that will not be part of the bigger projects that we do.

Mr. Blair asked what the quality of life item is.

Mr. Gibson replied that is all of the concert series, 4th of July celebration, etc.

EDIT/RIVERBOAT/RAINY DAY

Mr. Gibson stated that we are not touching rainy day so it will stay the same and he is budgeting to ensure that we have a \$2M balance in EDIT and a \$1M balance in Riverboat.

Dr. Knable asked about the capital outlays under trash cans and if it has been increased with the litter ordinance or do we need to up that.

Mr. Gibson stated that the normal stuff up top is all the same but the area that is different is capital outlays and he has set out \$500,000.00 which he labeled paving but we also have \$1M budgeted in Riverboat so it actually includes paving, striping, signage, road type projects, etc. He said he is also hoping to leverage that \$1.5M for another match of \$1M because the state is still doing that in those grants that they've done for next year.

Dr. Knable asked if he feels there is enough allocated in this to beef things up for education and for containers pertaining to the litter ordinance.

Mr. Gibson replied yes and went over line items in line 4495.1 which includes code enforcement, trash cans, street department and office equipment, furniture and supplies. He stated that they are going to start with storm water letters to educate people on litter and do those quarterly. He said they are going to reiterate again how bad it is for the environment.

Dr. Knable stated that the build out of the Reisz Building is coming out of the Scribner fund and asked what the source is of money for the Scribner fund and if it is renewable.

Mr. Gibson stated that it generates a little bit of money that comes from sales and are funds that were partly there for the original Scribner that have been accumulated over the years. He also stated that we just did the refinancing of Horseshoe so the county and city both contributed \$137,000.00 a year. He said that all of that money goes into the fund and then we pay the bank.

Dr. Knable asked where EMS is coming out.

Mr. Gibson stated that they forgot about it and he and Mrs. Moeller are going to work on it.

Dr. Knable stated that he is going to make a push for funding the Homeless Coalition again at the same level that the council did last year. He also stated that he is going to look at funding to the tune of \$40,000.00 for build out behind the clock tower church. He said that he thinks he found some money for that because the city WiFi was budgeted at \$95,000.00 and we've spent very little on it.

Mr. Blair asked if the \$2M ending balance released some money that was allocated in 2015 for special projects and we did not keep that encumbered.

Mr. Gibson stated that there are no outstanding projects that he is aware of that encumbered money from 2015.

Mr. Blair stated that the project that comes to his mind is the Spring Street Gateway and he hasn't seen anything done there so he is assuming that project died. He then asked Mr. Gibson if that money came back into the fund.

Mr. Gibson stated that it never left.

Mr. Blair asked Mr. Gibson to explain the \$50,000.00 park maintenance line item.

Mr. Gibson stated that the council showed interest in setting up a maintenance fund and it is budgeted because it would have to be transferred from there to a non-reverting fund. He gave the example of if a pump were to die, Ms. Meredith has asked that there be a way to have pumps on site and in stock so that the pool could be up and running within one day. He said that if they have to order them then you are looking at down time of anywhere from three to seven days. He then explained that the parks has a non-reverting shelter fund but we don't use it and the money goes into the general fund so he would probably rename that fund to parks reserve fund and use it for maintenance type things.

Mr. Blair stated that he thinks this is a good first step but feels we need to take it even further for things like replacing turf on fields, etc.

Mr. Caesar asked if we are down to three years on the fire truck lease.

Mrs. Moeller stated that she would have to look and let him know.

Mr. Barksdale asked about the amount for new trash cans.

Mr. Gibson stated that this equates to 40 new trash cans.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding trash can designs and the locations of those cans.

Mr. Barksdale asked about the street department line item.

Mr. Gibson stated that is for a new salt truck and bucket truck. He then stated that tree board is in there which is a transfer to fund their budget because they are a body that doesn't have a cash flow per say. He stated that riverboat has \$1M in it for paving, striping, crack sealing and street oriented things.

Mr. Blair asked if the council requested to set out say \$50,000.00 in capital outlays for street striping, would it only be used for that purpose.

Mr. Gibson replied yes.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding painting crosswalks, curbs, etc.

Mr. Gibson asked the council members to get specific places to him and he will pass them on to the street department to put the paint crew on them. He then stated that if they can't get to it, we sometimes hire contractors for painting. He then moved on to Rainy Day and stated that is the

one that we are leaving alone again. He explained that we received the lump sum of \$3M or \$4M from the state which they specifically said had to go into Rainy Day so we budgeted out of it.

Mr. Caesar asked if all of that money has been spent.

Mr. Gibson replied that it will be pretty close and stated that the only one that is not done is the sidewalk line item. He said that they will be doing a bid for that in the next month.

Mr. Caesar stated that the balance of \$1.4M will not stay the same and will go down.

Mr. Gibson stated that is correct.

Mr. Blair asked what the ending balance will be.

Mr. Gibson replied \$711,000.00 assuming everything has been spent.

Dr. Knable asked who is heading up the sidewalk bid package and process.

Mr. Gibson replied Mr. Summers.

Dr. Knable stated that he has a friend that has literally taken a map of the city and has surveyed all of the sidewalks in the city. He said he would like to have him meet with Mr. Gibson and/or Mr. Summers.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk