

**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 TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Nash, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale and President Knable.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Moeller, Police Chief Bailey, Major Popp, David Hall, Fire Chief Juliot and Mrs. Glotzbach

**President Knable** called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated that after Mr. Gibson's presentation, he would like for the council members to give comments and have a discussion on the budget process and whether we would like to do it again this way next year or if it needs to be facilitated or improved upon.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that salaries reflect the 2% raise and that again correlates into PERF and Social Security. He said there is a slight increase in part-time for the sports complex from \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 and a decrease in overtime from \$35,000.00 to \$30,000.00. He also said that there used to be two line items for printing so he consolidated those into one which is \$35,000.00. He added that it is used to do brochures three times a year that include all the programs that Ms. Meredith has going on as well as Ms. Wilkerson's programs. He stated that operating supplies for the aquatic center went from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to properly reflect what we have going on and other operating supplies at the sports complex is down a little. He said that other supplies line item is kind of a catch-all and helps them whenever they need a specific thing in another area. He stated that the chemicals line item is what will be spent for the aquatic center and contractual services were bumped up a little for the care of the soccer and football fields as well as various other items. He said that telephones increased to \$5,000.00 and everything else stayed the same as last year. He then asked Ms. Meredith how many part-time and full-time employees she has.

**Ms. Meredith** stated that it depends on the time of year but year-round part-time is approximately 18 give or take and seasonal is about 200.

**Mr. Coffey** asked how many full-time employees she has.

**Ms. Meredith** replied 14 right now but there is one vacant position in their maintenance department and one vacant position in their recreation department so they would have 16.

**Dr. Knable** asked about the lighting being at full tilt at the pool when the pool is closed. He said that maybe they could get a dimmable lighting system because he has had some neighbors around there contact him regarding that.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that they would certainly entertain that because they want to be good neighbors but it has never been brought to their attention.

**Dr. Knable** told them to consider it done tonight and he will forward them something in writing.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that parking has still been an issue at Holy Family.

**Ms. Meredith** stated that as far as she is aware, it has not been an issue at all this year. She explained that she just met with Father Jeremy and she has been in contact with Father Dan as

well as Carol and none have said that they are worried about it. She added that she knows there have been problems in the past but there haven't been anymore.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that there is a problem because parishioners at the 6:00 o'clock masses are having trouble with parking.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the only way they can resolve that is if they let us know and they have not let Ms. Meredith know. He told Mr. Coffey if he would ask them to contact Ms. Meredith then she will make sure that she addresses it.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that the amount of people that have attended the pool has been down this year which has helped in alleviating some of it.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the numbers are at the highest that they have ever been.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that they have only been open for two years.

**Ms. Meredith** stated that this is their fourth season.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that they are at 42,000 visitors as of last week, which is the higher than any other year.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that includes school buses which causes less parking. He then asked if there is a way to tell what it costs to operate the pool and each individual park.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that they asked Mr. Flynn to go through the budgets and put together memos outlining those specific things for the pool, soccer fields, football fields, baseball fields, softball fields and animal shelter. He passed that summary out to the members.

**Mr. Nash** stated that Clarksville closed last year and opened this year and asked if that has had an effect on our pool.

**Ms. Meredith** stated that Clarksville's pool is marketed for a different clientele than our pool so if anything, it has probably helped us because they market to parents with small children and only have splash pads, etc.

**Dr. Knable** asked if ticket prices are the same.

**Ms. Meredith** replied yes.

**Mr. Phipps** stated that we are making revenue on the pool.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the goal has always been to make sure that operational costs broke even with revenue and this is the fourth season and thankfully we are keeping up with what we had hoped.

**Mr. Blair** stated that this summary is just through August.

**Dr. Knable** thanked Mr. Gibson for having the summary in advance and asked if they could get an update on it in December. He stated he knows we are subsidizing it and feels that most of the taxpayers are fine with that as he is. He added that the hard numbers have been missing when he has had discussions with folks about it so this summary is excellent.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he would speak with Mr. Flynn about updating it at the end of December.

**Dr. Knable** asked Mr. Blair if he felt this is a step in the right direction.

**Mr. Blair** replied yes.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that when they discussed the bond, it was requested that so much money was being put back per year for maintenance.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that Mr. Blair got that started last year and he will get to that in a moment. He then moved on to the park's non-reverting accounts and said they are dictated by the money that comes in and have line items budgeted out of them.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he doesn't think that a lot of people know about the number of programs that the parks department does and asked Ms. Meredith to give them a rundown of those.

**Ms. Meredith** stated that they have five locations and they provide all four of the housing authority's locations with after school programming. She said that they offer snacks, tutoring, educational programs, arts, crafts and they try to incorporate in their programs anything that you can think of that they do in school. She also said that they help them with homework and once that is checked off, they can enjoy the activities and play.

**Mr. Coffey** asked if the housing authority helps fund that.

**Ms. Meredith** stated that they do provide grant money to assist.

**Mr. Coffey** asked how much grant money they give.

**Ms. Meredith** said she would have to check and could get that for him.

**Mr. Blair** asked approximately how many kids they serve.

**Ms. Meredith** gave the example of over the six week program this summer they reached out to about 314 kids.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that we used to have the Boys & Girls Club so they are filling that void since it is gone.

**Mr. Blair** asked if there has been any interest in bringing the Boys & Girls Club back.

**Mr. Gibson** replied no and stated that they just feel that there wasn't a need for those services because their numbers dropped dramatically. He added that Hazelwood receives a grant to help after school kids and that took a lot away from the Boys & Girls Club.

**Ms. Meredith** stated that a lot of schools have the YMCA program that comes to their school for after school programming.

**Mr. Gibson** then stated that there is a non-reverting shelter fund that only has \$7,800.00 and would be used to fix a shelter if it was vandalized or something. He said that the park maintenance non-reverting fund that has a \$50,000.00 balance is for emergency repairs or replacements.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he would like to see an engineering study that tells when certain things are going to wear out and need to be replaced and try to build a fund to cover those things.

**Dr. Knable** asked if there was trouble with one pump this year.

**Ms. Meredith** replied yes and stated that it was a total replacement but they did have a back-up. She added that they were able to salvage the one they replaced so it can now be used as a back-up.

**Dr. Knable** asked what the life expectancy is on some of the pre-fab equipment.

**Mr. Gibson** replied that he doesn't know but stated that they would have to pull up the engineering information. He said that it would probably be best to have the engineers take a look at everything and give them an estimate.

**Mr. Blair** stated that if we can work towards that would be great.

**Mr. Barksdale** asked if they have any other back up equipment if anything else goes bad.

**Ms. Meredith** replied no and stated that they don't really have any other equipment that they could have back up on.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the last one is the parks cumulative cap fund and he anticipates about \$150,000.00 based on the assessed values and rates and it would be used for any kind of emergency and to replace playground equipment or other large non-operational types of things.

**Mr. Coffey** asked if that just sits there unless it is needed and if it builds up over time.

**Mr. Gibson** replied yes.

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that there are not dramatic changes in their budget and everything else is pretty much the same. He pointed out that they have five positions funded.

**Mr. Wood** stated that they have had the zoning enforcement officer and zoning administrative assistant position in the budget for the last couple of years. He said that they will get the new zoning ordinance this fall and he would like to get a zoning enforcement officer to start out part-time and see if there is enough work for that individual to go full-time and then later hire a zoning administrative assistant.

**Mr. Barksdale** stated that there are five positions budgeted for and asked how many positions are filled right now.

**Mr. Wood** replied three.

## **TREE BOARD**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that they did a contractual services line for the Tree Board that is for \$11,500.00 which he thinks is a carryover from last year. He said that they obviously don't generate income.

**Dr. Knable** asked if this budget was doubled last year.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that they didn't have a budget until last year.

**Dr. Knable** asked if the amount hit the mark.

**Mr. Barksdale** explained that they have been very fortunate as far as the street department helping with a lot of trees that would've had to have been contracted out. He said that they have also had a lot of people donating trees and with all of the street projects going on, Mr. Mills has been very in tune with those contractors and has tried to get as many trees as possible built into those plans. He added that it is good to have it there in case.

**Mr. McLaughlin** entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

**Mr. Blair** asked about the tree inventory and management plan.

**Mr. Barksdale** stated that Mr. Streips will be coming before the council soon to talk about that.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he is on the agenda for Thursday's meeting.

#### **ANIMAL SHELTER**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that Mr. Hall does very well with his budget and has a difficult position in that he has to answer to city and county for his operations. He said that the salaries reflect the 2% increase and they did bump up part-time, which Mr. Hall's board approved, so he just had to make sure that it works and it does. He stated that there is a line item increase in contract legal services which they have to use when they have to enforce something. He said that they do need to replace a commercial washer at \$13,500.00 so he went ahead and budgeted that.

**Dr. Knable** stated that there was a big bump in tires.

**Mr. Hall** stated that there was a big bump in tire costs as well that he didn't realize. He said that they have four trucks and it costs \$1,000.00 for a set of new tires which he replaces every four years.

**Dr. Knable** asked if all of the various departments use the same telephone services.

**Mr. Gibson** replied yes.

**Dr. Knable** asked if we are negotiating that.

**Mr. Gibson** replied yes but stated it will be a completely different process as we move next year. He then stated that they have a several non-reverting funds which have stayed the same for a number of years.

**Mr. Hall** explained that the adoption fees are divided between the general fund and the veterinary non-reverting fund which goes for the veterinary's salary surgery costs.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that animal control is the other non-reverting and it has stayed consistent over the years.

**Mr. Hall** stated that they bought a vehicle and outfitted it out of that fund last year.

**Mr. Nash** asked if that money is generated from fines.

**Mr. Hall** stated that it is fines, boarding fees and contractual things such as when they serve Georgetown, Greenville, etc.

**Mr. Coffey** commended Mr. Hall on his budget and said that if everyone handled theirs as well as he does, this would be a very easy job.

**Mr. Hall** thanked Mr. Coffey and told him that their shelter is going to meet the no-kill status before the end of the year which means they will be euthanizing under 12% of the animals that come in.

**Mr. Phipps** asked if the ones that have to be euthanized are just beyond help with medical care or just ones that are not adopted after a certain amount of time.

**Mr. Hall** stated that it could be one that is quarantined or deemed unadoptable. He added that they do test on them because they don't want the city to be liable on an animal that they adopt out.

**Mr. Phipps** asked if it is not ones that have been there for over a certain amount of days.

**Mr. Hall** replied absolutely not. He explained that once they spend the time to spay and neuter an animal, it stays until it is adopted. He said that they are trying to keep population down by educating people and offering free spay and neutering. He added that they have developed many programs to help people with their animals.

## **POLICE**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that this budget is exactly the same as last year with the exception of salaries.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that they currently have 69 officers and are budgeted for 72 which they are working on hiring.

**Mr. Caesar** asked how they are doing on overtime.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that overtime is usually for special events such as Harvest Homecoming, big community events, etc. and so far they are good this year. He added that their overtime is not to cover shifts.

**Mr. Caesar** asked about vacation buyback.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that is part of the FOP contract and vacation buyback is good for them because it gives them more manpower on the street.

**Mr. Caesar** asked about comp time buyback because he knows that it got out of hand at one time.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that one of the first things they did when they took over in 2014 was get a handle on that and they don't allow it to get above 120 hours. He also stated that there are some things on the horizon that are basically going to eliminate comp time though.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he noticed that SWAT is already at 97% this year and asked if that was going to be able to be kept the same.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that was because they added new members and they had to gear them up so now they are at capacity for that team so now it will just be things for that team that either need to be replaced or added.

**Dr. Knable** asked if they are anticipating anymore need for aquatic or river patrol with the proposal of some of the green space and boat docks.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that conversations they have been having are about the greenway because they are building a bridge over Silver Creek that will essentially connect New Albany's riverfront to all of the downtown spans. He said there is nothing for a boat because the fire department has a watercraft and it is fine if they need one so they just use that. He stated that for the greenway, there will be some needs but they aren't exactly sure what they are yet. He said they have bicycles that have been resurrected and are ready to and there are guys that have been trained to patrol on those. He added that they are looking at things like side-by-sides that they can use to get down in the wetlands.

**Dr. Knable** asked if they are anticipating a need for a sub station or any brick and mortar down there.

**Police Chief Bailey** replied not in 2019.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked if they are going to do anything about police cars.

**Police Chief Bailey** replied yes and stated that discussions have been ongoing with Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Gibson, etc.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the police committee was going to set up a meeting with Police Chief Bailey and then they will bring it before the council.

**Mr. Caesar** asked about telephones, workman's compensation and equipment repairs.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that as far as telephones, that also includes some electronic devices that we pay services for such as a GPS system for narcotics. He then said that they use all of equipment repairs because that is what they are outfitting new officers with or replacing things like Tasers if they go bad.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he sees several line items that are approaching 100% and asked if he needs to worry.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he concentrates on the final big numbers.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that when they initially purchased Tasers, they normally have a five-year life but they managed to keep those original Tasers in service for 12 years but they finally had to replace those this year so that is where Mr. Caesar is seeing the 95% line item.

**Mr. Gibson** then moved on to Police Merit Commission which is the hiring and major disciplinary body and their budget has stayed fairly consistent over the years but there has been a jump in contractual services. He said they use that for anything from legal representation to transcribers, etc. He went on to communications and stated that the numbers are pretty much the same other than the 2% raise on salaries.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that they are budgeted for 12 full-time employees and 2 part-time employees but they are short 2 full-time so they are looking to fill those positions.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that they do unfortunately have a little bit of turnover occasionally because they had a couple of people who did it forever and they haven't been able to find the same type of people to replace them.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that he has high hopes for some interviewees that he met with on Friday.

**Mr. Caesar** asked if overtime will go down when they find 2 new people.

**Police Chief Bailey** replied yes.

**Mr. Blair** asked what they are paid.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that they start out at approximately \$14.50 per hour and a high tenured person in the department is in the low \$20s.

**Mr. Blair** asked if the salary is an issue.

**Police Chief Bailey** replied no and stated that he doesn't think that is it. He said they are not finding the people that want a career job and the public safety market is generally tough to hire in right now.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the employees are represented by CWA and the city usually does a yearly contract with them.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that we were taking \$400,000.00 out of EDIT for salaries and asked what that covers.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that we don't get any of the 911 money so that entirely covers the communications budget.

**Mr. Coffey** asked if the 911 money was supposed to be for our dispatch.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the 911 money is controlled by the county and is used for their 911 system. He added that the majority of the money comes from cell phones and our position has always been that we should get 49% of that. He added that there was legislation that was introduced last year that may help us with that but it hasn't made it out of committee yet.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that we do need to have an understanding of the loss of funds from CAGIT if the county is going to do what they plan to do.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that right now we really don't know because they are discussing four different ordinances tonight and he has actually reached out to a couple of them to see if they have run any numbers.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the county's use of CAGIT and its effect on the city.**

**Dr. Knable** asked Mr. Gibson to keep them updated on how the county is proceeding in this situation because it may behoove them to have a couple of members speak at one of their meetings to remind them that we are citizens of the city and of the county as well.



**Mr. Gibson** stated that the simple fact is that if they do pass it, it does have a negative impact on our ability to provide services. He said he will be happy to keep the council updated.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked if all of the cities and counties in Indiana are set up with separate 911 services.

**Mr. Gibson** replied yes and stated that they are all statutorily set up that way but there have been some agreements in communities where they have kind of combined those in some fashion.

**Mr. Blair** asked if Jeffersonville has a separate 911 as Clark County.

**Police Chief Bailey** explained that Clark County has a massive unified center and it is a total train wreck. He added that there has been some discussion in Jeffersonville to pull away from that because it is getting to be dangerous to have so many of them on one frequency.

**Mr. Gibson** moved on to the Police Pension and stated that it actually has a slight decrease. He said that basically we pay the retirement upfront and then we are reimbursed by PERF two times a year. He then moved on to the Abandoned Vehicle Non-Reverting and stated that the auctions generate a little more revenue than needed to sustain their operations.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that the Local Law Enforcement Training is funded through the state and from revenue from traffic citations. He added that in addition to training, all of their ammunition comes out of this fund.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the Interest Federal Equity Share is basically money that is recovered in drug busts and last year they budgeted money out of it for an armored vehicle that they purchased to be used for drug enforcement.

**Mr. Caesar** asked Mr. Gibson if he could highlight the non-reverting funds a little better.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he will figure out a way to do that.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that salaries obviously are up 2% which also affects Social Security and PERF. He said that there is a slight increase in insurance which they budgeted for. He stated that the only other item that was bumped up was gasoline from \$50,000.00 to \$65,000.00. He said that they added \$5,000.00 for chemicals which they didn't have in the past.

**Dr. Knable** pointed out that cleaning went up from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00. He then asked if the gasoline went up solely on the price of fuel or do they have more vehicles now.

**Fire Chief Juliot** replied that it is because of the price.

**Mr. Caesar** asked how many employees he has.

**Fire Chief Juliot** stated that they currently have 78 with four in training now but 82 is where they want to be.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked about the overtime this year compared to last year and if we are still short people.

**Fire Chief Juliot** stated that he doesn't have that number right off hand. He stated they are short people because some have retired but they haven't replaced them yet.

**Mr. Blair** asked if they will be replaced so that we don't have the overtime.

**Fire Chief Juliot** stated that they had four that were just recently hired and are in training but won't be out on a crew until November. He also stated that they will hopefully start the process to hire four more as soon as possible.

**Mr. Blair** asked which one is more expensive as far as having more employees versus paying overtime.

**Fire Chief Juliot** stated that overtime is obviously cheaper because of insurance, pension payments, uniforms, training, etc.

**Mr. Nash** asked what the timeframe is between the time of advertising and hiring and if it is a one-year process.

**Fire Chief Juliot** replied at least but pretty close to it.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding reasons for overtime and the effect on the morale of the firefighters.**

**Mr. Coffey** stated that this conversation takes place every year at budget time and they do the best they can to keep things in line and at the end of the day, they are within their budget.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he just wants everyone to understand that if we do hire five more people, we will have \$100,000.00 in insurance costs as well as contributions to PERF. He said he understands the frustration but if you truly run the numbers, he stays within his budget.

**Mr. McLaughlin** asked if he has to force overtime.

**Fire Chief Juliot** replied that mandatory does happen when you get into the summer months and fall months. He said that when the holidays come around he does put out a list showing how many people are going to be off so that they can be prepared and go home and talk to their families in advance about what days they may want to take.

**Mr. Blair** asked if there are any needs to do remodeling or modify equipment.

**Fire Chief Juliot** stated that they desperately need two Quints which are 75 ft. ladders with a pump to keep in compliance with insurance ratings. He said that the Charlestown Road station is in bad condition and he has gotten numerous quotes to just bring it up to standard and that is \$100,000.00.

**Mr. Blair** asked how much the pumps are.

**Fire Chief Juliot** replied that two would be right at \$1M. He added that they only have two reserves at this point and they are 30 years old.

**Dr. Knable** stated that as far as keeping in compliance with insurance, he asked if he anticipates a need for any new stations with the growth that has taken place in town barring annexation.

**Fire Chief Juliot** stated that they just met with ISO for a mid-audit which they do every 10 years and they met with them five years ago so they come back five years later to go through everything. He said that they recommend for a city this size to have two designated ladder companies and we only have one. He said that we get partial credit for the one on Grant Line Road but it is also making medical runs which really doesn't make that much sense because of the size of the truck. He said it would be much more cost effective to have an engine in that area to respond instead but they just don't have the resources to do that. He added that it could be done if they just update a couple of pumper.

**Mr. Caesar** asked why you would send a ladder truck or an engine for a heart attack victim.

**Fire Chief Juliot** said that is what they have at that station because the previous administration wanted to buy a ladder truck instead of another engine.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the fire department being first responders and responding to emergency calls in trucks versus other types of vehicles.**

**Fire Chief Juliot gave an explanation as to why the city's ambulance system failed.**

**Dr. Knable** asked what the timetable is on the request for the Quint.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he will talk about that when he gets to EDIT.

**Mr. Blair** asked if we provided additional expenses for the ambulance last year. He said he thought there was something that we had to adjust or add for emergency run services.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he forgot to fund the ambulance last year but it is in the fire budget this year under other services. He stated that it is \$16,000.00 per month and was negotiated last year for two years.

**Mr. Caesar** asked about the physical fitness of the firefighters.

**Fire Chief Juliot** stated that exercising every day is mandatory and they try to stay on top of them.

**Mr. Caesar** asked if we need to keep the station at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Market Street.

**Fire Chief Juliot** replied yes and stated that it is one of the busiest houses that they have because they have the most fires down there. He said that it is his personal opinion that it should stay based on ISO saying that we should have two engines and a ladder in the downtown area and two engines and a ladder in that end of town.

**Mr. Gibson** moved on to Fire Pension and stated that there was a slight decrease and unfortunately that usually happens because we lost someone. He explained that the city pays benefits on a monthly basis and we get reimbursed twice a year just like the Police Pension. He said that the last two are Medical Transport Non-Reverting and is one line item which is for medical supplies that they stock their trucks with in the amount of \$30,000.00. He said that the last one is Emergency Medical Service Run Non-Reverting and the biggest contributor to that is Horseshoe because we serve as their primary service.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked how many times they make runs to the Horseshoe per year.

**Fire Chief Juliot** replied three or four times a year and they pay us \$50,000.00 per year.

## **BOARD OF WORKS**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that there is a 2% increase in the salaries.

**Mr. Coffey** asked what salaries come out of board of works.

**Mr. Gibson** replied Mr. Michael Hall, Mr. Walker and Mr. Thompson which are full-time positions and Ms. Speigelhalter which is a part-time position. He added that only part of Mr. Thompson's salary comes out of board of works and part of his salary comes out of sewer because he does right-of-way work for them as well. He said that another change is IT Equipment.

**Mr. Coffey** asked what the Annexation Cost-NA Township line item is.

**Mr. Gibson** explained that when we annexed the commercial portion of Charlestown Road, the fire district had purchased fire trucks and we took about 8% of their AV so twice a year they send him an invoice to pay them which is part of the annexation statute. He added that it is only for the debt they had at the time of annexation so if they buy a new truck, we don't have to help pay on that.

**Mr. Coffey** asked what other services are.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that a lot of that will be if Mr. Walker has to hire out something if he needs assistance and it is also for things that are not full-blown contracts. He said that \$225,000.00 has been put in for street paving, sidewalks and striping.

**Mr. Blair** asked Mrs. Moeller if she had the details on the quality of life services and transactions.

**Mrs. Moeller** passed out the budget to actual for the quality of life line item in board of works for 2018.

**Mr. Blair** asked if she had 2017.

**Mrs. Moeller** replied no.

**Mr. Blair** stated that is okay but he specifically asked for 2017 as well.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that quality of life items include the Bicentennial Park concerts, fireworks, decorations for downtown, supplies for Trunk or Treat, etc.

**Dr. Knable** asked about the \$40,000.00 for floral arrangements.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that they are not flowers but are decorations for 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Harvest decorations, banners, Christmas decorations, etc.

**Mr. Coffey** asked what the theater summer shows are.

**Mr. Gibson** stated they are the shows that are put on at the amphitheater by the non-profits that use the schools. He said that we usually give donations and help them put those shows on.

**Meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.**

## **EDIT**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the budget for EDIT that was emailed out on Friday was correct but the one that was in the packet was incorrect. Mrs. Moeller passed out the new copies. He stated that it has approximately three salaries with the 2% increase which are Mr. Burger's, Mrs. Fischer's and part of Mr. Staten's salary. He moved on to Capital Outlays and explained that he budgeted \$1M for paving so that along with the money budgeted in Riverboat, LRS and board of works, the total for paving and infrastructure is just over \$2.6M. He said that he budgeted \$242,748.00 for Scribner Place.

**Mr. Caesar** asked if Scribner Place could come out of redevelopment instead of EDIT.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he could look at it but he doesn't know how he could justify that. He then went back to the EDIT budget and went through the other budgeted items which included the fire truck lease, painting at the pool, the reserve for maintenance and tree board. He said he provided the breakdown on Scribner Place as well as city hall. He also provided a projections sheet that he reviewed with the council. He said he supplied the council with the certified shares for 2019 which is a report generated by DLGF that breaks down the shares so we are expecting \$3.9M in EDIT revenue next year. He then stated that down at the bottom is an estimated balance that he would anticipate for additional appropriations.

**Dr. Knable** asked if the things that have been zeroed out would come out of additional outlays.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he hasn't gotten that far yet but there have been discussions about the police cars being in there.

**Dr. Knable** asked if anything that is zeroed out is subject to debate.

**Mr. Blair** stated that it looks like to him that he put everything they are committed to in here plus \$1M for paving.

**Mr. Gibson** said that is correct.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he would like to see an inventory of our equipment for police, street department, etc.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that they should be able to get something together.

**Mr. Blair** stated that we are going to get further behind on paving because we probably need close to \$5M but we have only budgeted approximately \$2.5M so we are probably about \$2.5M short and we are sitting here with \$1.5M and there are other things that have to come out of that.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that is why he would like to have an inventory of equipment because they have to be knowledgeable about what is needed.

**Mr. Blair** told Mr. Gibson that he did a good job on the EDIT budget and the projections.

## **RIVERBOAT**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that it is a \$1M budget and there is \$500,000.00 budgeted in Capital Outlays for paving, \$250,000.00 for sidewalks, infrastructure, etc. and \$250,000.00 for election costs for next year's election.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he is asking if the council wants to have \$100,000.00 for charitable causes going forward so there will be a line item for it or take it on a case by case basis and kind of look for the money as they have done in the past.

**Mr. Nash** stated that when they first started doing the homeless coalition and blessings in a backpack, he thought they were opening a can of worms but that doesn't seem to be the case.

**Dr. Knable** stated that it could help them if they had a line item for those donations.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that an additional appropriation has a timeframe of about 30-45 days from beginning to end to get it done properly. He said that a budgeted item is a budgeted deal so it would probably be just a discussion and a vote so there is a timing difference between the two for approvals.

**Mr. Blair** asked if a charitable line item donation would just require a vote on a resolution.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he would have to research that.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he thinks they really need to contribute to One Southern Indiana because they do play a big part in our economic development. He then stated that he doesn't think that \$100,000.00 is enough to cover all donations they like to do as a council.

**Mr. Caesar** stated that he thinks it is way too much and that will open a can of worms that they will regret.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he thinks it is important to give these donations to help kids and our workforce.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding a line item for charitable contributions and Mr. Gibson stated that he would research it.**

## **RAINY DAY**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that is one that we leave alone so it stays the same. He then passed out a copy of a breakdown of how he comes up with his numbers and reviewed it with the council.

**Dr. Knable** thanked Mr. Gibson for the tweaking he has done in the last couple of years because the information is very useful. He then asked Mr. Gibson when he planned to have this on the council's agenda.

**Mr. Gibson** replied September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he would like to have a better understanding and detailed information on the \$2M in flood control for backup power.

**Dr. Knable** asked Mr. Gibson if he would talk to Mr. Gardner about being at the meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Dr. Knable** stated that if Mr. Gardner can't be there then he can send information.

**Mr. Caesar** asked if Mr. Gardner has looked into any FEMA money for something like that.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he can ask Mr. Gardner.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he wants to see the bids on the project as well as the engineering contracts.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that it hasn't been bid yet. He then stated that the Mr. Gardner works hard and their flood control is 100 times better than it has been in the past years.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he thinks Mr. Gardner has done a wonderful job but at the same time, it is 100 times better because there has been a lot of money spent that the others before didn't spend. He added that Mr. Gardner has basically gotten to do whatever he wanted, however he wanted to do it and then asked for a blank check for us to pay for it.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that flood control has its own tax rate and funds its own projects. He added that he can assure Mr. Coffey that his district appreciates the fact that those pumps were redone because if not, they have aerials that show what would've happened with this last flood.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that job should've been done and he doesn't want people getting accolades for doing what was supposed to be done.

**Dr. Knable** stated that they cannot hold him accountable for something that wasn't done before he got there.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that was supposed to be done.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he has come in and done a good job but he agrees with Mr. Blair that there needs to be more oversight.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he has done a great job in flood control.

**Mr. Coffey** stated that he came in and got a blank a check that others hadn't had the opportunity to have.

**Mr. Gibson** stated yes they did but they just didn't do anything with it.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Al Knable, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk