

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, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 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, Fire Chief Juliot, Mr. Wood, Ms. Meredith and Mrs. Glotzbach

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

Planning

Mr. Gibson stated that everything is the same as last year except the 2% pay increase and social security and PERF obviously adjust too.

Mr. Blair asked if the open position is going to be left in the budget.

Mr. Gibson replied yes and stated that they need a full-time zoning officer and he is working on creating more space on the third floor so hopefully one will be hired next year.

Mr. Blair asked if there is a need for that position in the department because it has been several years that it hasn't been filled.

Mr. Gibson replied yes.

Mr. Wood stated that he is down three position which are a zoning officer, administrative assistant for zoning and a planner. He said that he would like to start giving attention to cars for sale all over the city and he made a few calls last week and got some of them gone but there are still a lot out there that need to be chased down.

Mr. Caesar asked how many people the \$213,937.00 in salaries accounts for.

Mr. Wood stated that it is three and three quarters because they are going to share someone with redevelopment.

Mr. Caesar asked if he has those three people now but just need more.

Mr. Wood replied yes.

Dr. Knable asked if the job will be posted.

Mr. Gibson stated that once there is enough space it will be posted on the city's web page.

Mr. Wood stated that they also send them out to planning schools in the area.

Mr. Caesar asked if this could coordinate with code enforcement.

Mr. Gibson replied yes, he is talking about sharing with redevelopment in more of a concentrated type of person to be able to use in certain areas in redevelopment and zoning.

Mr. Caesar asked if there is anyone in code enforcement now that could do that.

Mr. Gibson stated that their plates are full.

Mr. Wood stated that he would like for that person to have the training to look at construction sites to make sure they are being built in accordance with zoning requirements. He added that right now it is up to he and Mr. Streips to make sure they are in compliance and neither have true heavy construction training.

Dr. Knable asked if his days are reactive or proactive.

Mr. Wood stated that they are mostly reactive but periodically they will take a ride in the car to see what they can find.

Mr. Blair asked if the rental inspection is passed, could that person be shared for that.

Mr. Wood replied yes, that person would be able to go out and report to code inspection and rental inspection whether it is registered or not so there would be some coordination.

Mr. Blair asked if they could do the inspections.

Mr. Wood stated that they would not be a building inspector because they have to have a special license for that.

Mr. Gibson stated that they could be a code enforcement inspector.

Mr. Aebersold asked about contractual services.

Mr. Wood replied that it is the contract with Indiana Landmarks to provide staff for the New Albany Historic Preservation Commission.

Mr. Gibson stated that they are under budget this year and that is partly because of that vacant position.

Board of Works

Mr. Gibson stated that salaries include the positions of IT, right-of-way coordinator, operations position and two part-time staff that answers the phones for the city. He explained that rent has changed a little from last year because a few things will be moved around on the floor to utilize the sewer billing office space and we will have to pick up that tab because the utility was paying for that.

Dr. Knable asked what we are powering for \$325,000.00 per year.

Mr. Gibson stated that it is all of the light poles throughout the city.

Mr. Barksdale asked who maintains them.

Mr. Gibson replied Duke.

Mr. Phipps stated that he understands that we pay a monthly fee on those lights whether they are lit or not so that is another reason to get them reported when they go out. He added that they are not on meters and are on a flat fee.

Mr. Gibson stated that some do have meters.

Mr. Barksdale stated that there are lamp posts that are down as well that we are paying for.

Dr. Knable asked about quality of life services.

Mr. Gibson explained that includes the events that the city puts on such as the concert series at Bicentennial Park, the fireworks, etc. He added that we also receive donations for those events.

Mr. Barksdale asked if Horseshoe pitches in quite a bit of that.

Mr. Gibson stated that they pitch in a substantial amount on the July 4th Celebration but we have a local law firm that donates and WFPK does free advertising and different things for us.

Mr. Aebersold asked what Horseshoe gives a year.

Dr. Knable stated that it totals up to approximately \$50,000.00 per year.

Mr. Gibson pointed out the line item for annexation and explained that it is the 8% portion of debt that was taken out at the time of the annexation that we have to pay to the township.

Mr. Aebersold asked how long we will have to pay.

Mr. Gibson replied that it is a running tab that he keeps in his office and he doesn't know what it is offhand but it is usually five or seven years. He then stated that through June they were about 45% of budget.

Parks Department

Mr. Gibson stated that all operating expenses are in the new budget and there is still a cum cap fund which is a set tax rate on assessed value that is used to buy capital improvement type things for the parks. He also stated that there is a non-reverting fund that he will talk about later. He said there are about 14 full-time employees and 50-180 part-time employees depending on the time of the year. He said there is a salary addition for a full-time position at the Griffin Center, adjustments in salaries for the sports complex and adjustments in salaries for the aquatic center in the amount of \$81,600.00 which includes three employees for the aquatic center and two employees for the sports center. He said that overtime has been bumped up a little because they have to use that occasionally. He gave the example of if there is a holiday tournament or something going on, staff will have to work on getting the fields ready and those types of things. He pointed out that he withdrew the unemployment component of the budget from last year. He stated that there is an increase in operating supplies because Griffin Street and the housing authority do a lot of programs.

Ms. Meredith stated that they do movies, bingo, arts and crafts, etc.

Mr. Gibson stated that there is an increase in contractual services for additional services we may need for the kiosk for the dog park.

Ms. Meredith added that they pay for all of the parks to be mowed except for the sports fields which the parks mows themselves.

Mr. Aebersold asked if that is the overtime group or contractual services.

Ms. Meredith stated that is contractual services.

Mr. Blair asked what the fees are being brought in if you break it up between the aquatic center and the sports center.

Mr. Gibson stated that we are at approximately \$560,000.00.

Mr. Blair asked what they estimate it to be by the end of the year.

Mr. Gibson replied about \$625,000.00 total for the entire parks.

Mr. Blair asked if we are charging for Silver Street Park when groups come in.

Ms. Meredith replied yes and stated that they also do things like bingo and yoga that people can come in and pay to do.

Mr. Gibson added that he can look at the non-reverting fund to see what has been brought in so far on rentals.

Mr. Blair asked how they are doing on producing income statements particularly on the aquatic center.

Mr. Gibson stated that he and mayor do not single out one activity.

Mr. Blair stated that is very typical to income statements and when he looked at the aquatic center, he saw Clarksville's, Jeffersonville's and O'Bannon Wood's. He said that the only way you can manage the facility is to know where you are from a profit and loss standpoint and do comparisons with facilities elsewhere.

Mr. Gibson stated that he analyzes the income that comes in, which you see in the fund statement, and how it compares to the budget that has been submitted and approved and make sure that we stay under that budget. He said that we do not do profits and losses for any of the departments or specific things.

Mr. Blair stated that it is a little different when you are looking at a revenue generating department or facility where you can see the revenues and the expenses associated with that.

Mr. Gibson stated that if you are looking exclusively at profits, he agrees.

Mr. Blair stated that you have to look at revenues and expenses but you can also do comparisons and analysis because it helps you manage a facility by having appropriate financial information.

Mr. Gibson stated that they do it by analyzing everything that comes in and how it compares to the budget.

Mr. Blair stated that it is amazing that everyone else does it differently.

Mr. Gibson stated that the refunds line item is new and is to handle rare cancellation situations where refunds are necessary.

Mrs. Moeller stated that there is not a number by it since it is new but if you approve it then she will assign a number to it.

Mr. Aebersold asked why storm water fees cannot be exempted because you just move it from one pocket to another.

Mr. Gibson said that the state board of accounts and the federal government says that we can't.

Dr. Knable asked if maintenance costs on the relatively new facilities have been what they were expected to be and if there is money to keep the fields up to where she wants them to be. He also asked how the winter affected the new pool and if maintenance of that was where she thought it would be.

Ms. Meredith stated that they are in line with where they thought they would be. She explained that they have an ongoing master maintenance list and that's why operating expenses and contractual services have increased. She also said that all three bodies of the pool will have to be repainted every two years.

Dr. Knable asked if they take the pumps apart and winterize them every year.

Ms. Meredith stated that they do that and were just working on it all last week.

Dr. Knable asked if there is someone in particular in the department to take calls for issues.

Ms. Meredith suggested emailing parks@cityofnewalbany.com because it really depends on what it is as far as who to go to.

Dr. Knable asked if the council could get her card.

Ms. Meredith replied yes.

Mr. Gibson stated that Ms. Meredith and the parks board are working on a five year masterplan.

Dr. Knable asked if that will eventually be presented to the council.

Mr. Gibson replied that he will get them a copy as soon as it is done.

Ms. Meredith stated that they partner with Northside Church with their serve days in the spring and fall and they are a huge help at the pool and at the ballparks because it is really hard when you have just a handful of people but when you have 20 volunteers, you can accomplish a lot. She added that she is really, really grateful for their help.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if there have been any traveling soccer tournaments at Binford Park.

Ms. Meredith stated that they haven't really had soccer tournaments but they have had every weekend packed with games at the parks that have soccer fields.

Dr. Knable asked if something was fixed at Binford Park because he didn't see any flooding this year.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he thinks that fixing the drainage system by the interstate has helped a little bit because it all eventually flows together. He said that they have cleaned snags out of the creek at New Albany Springs and that has helped too.

Mr. Gibson stated that as part of that project they also worked on the banks and made the pool a little bigger and wider but it will still flood in the right conditions because it is a flood area.

Mr. Nash stated that he has been approached by the Sertoma Club about the project at Sertoma Park and asked if the parks department is on board with that.

Ms. Meredith stated that they are on board with it but the club hasn't gotten the right people in the right places to actually move on the project.

Mr. Blair asked what the project is.

Mr. Nash stated that they want to do a handicapped accessible park at Sertoma Park.

Mr. Gibson stated that a handicapped accessible type of park is in the masterplan. He then said that the budget through June was 42%.

Mr. Nash asked about the pool being closed on Labor Day.

Ms. Meredith stated that is what she was told to do to give everyone a day off.

Mr. Nash stated that he didn't think that a lot of people were aware of it.

Ms. Meredith stated that the feedback was mixed on it.

Mr. Gibson stated that the council will get the August financials tomorrow night at the meeting and that will give a better idea of where they are now and reminded everyone that it does tighten up through those months because of the increase in personnel. He then stated that the non-reverting fund was set up when there was a joint parks department and a lot of income and fees went into it which funded various operations too. He explained that when the plans for Silver Street Park and the pool came about there was discussions about how to start building a budget for future repairs and maintenance so that's what this is. He said that obviously we don't have a big budget in there because everything is new and still under warranty but the idea is to budget there and start working that fund up to use it for the replacement of a pump or something of that nature.

Mr. Caesar asked if this is the initial \$60,000.00

Mr. Gibson replied yes.

Mr. Aebersold asked if we are going to increase this as we go along.

Mr. Gibson replied that he actually printed one out that had an additional \$25,000.00 in it for equipment and repairs so he will be requesting \$85,000.00 for that.

Mr. Blair asked how he determined \$85,000.00.

Mr. Gibson stated there is no real science that he had to it in that manner.

Mr. Blair asked if there is a way to project out what may be needed and how much should be set aside each year.

Mr. Gibson stated that he thinks that could be worked on.

Mr. Blair stated that we know there will be a day when we will need to replace the pool and so forth.

Mr. Gibson stated that Ms. Meredith could get with the pool builders to give us a use of life to help give us a game plan to build that fund up.

Mr. Blair stated that he thinks it is important to put money aside.

Mr. Gibson then moved on to the parks shelter non-reverting fund and explained that if someone rents a shelter that money goes in that fund and will then be used to improve or repair those shelters.

Mr. Caesar asked if this is the first year for this.

Mr. Gibson replied no and stated there is a balance of about \$43,000.00. He said that in the budget to actual there have not been any expenses in it. He moved on to the parks cum cap and stated it is a set rate of assessed value and can be used to build a new shelter house, purchase new equipment, replace old equipment, etc.

Mr. Blair asked what the \$67,000.00 was used for this year.

Mr. Gibson stated that part of that was a purchase of a new specialty lawn mower for the fields.

Ms. Meredith stated that the fields in the flood zones have had to be completely regraded because of flooding so some of that money has been used for that as well as various repairs throughout the parks.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if equipment can be moved out of Billy Herman Park pretty quickly if flooding becomes an issue.

Ms. Meredith stated that in that season they already have everything moved and she is in constant communication with Mr. Gardner about rain levels.

Mr. Gibson stated that they were built in floodplains.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he knows that we had to pump some water over from Cherry Street where the drain pipe collapsed and asked if that caused any damage.

Ms. Meredith replied it caused a whole lot damage and that's why Mr. Gibson allowed her to use some of the cum cap money to make repairs.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if some of that could be recouped from the state.

Ms. Meredith replied no.

EDIT

Mr. Gibson stated that Ms. Moeller is passing out the updated EDIT fund which will show the total number. He said that they were told that approximately \$3.5M is what we will receive in revenue in EDIT for next year and that the budget is approximately \$2.86M. He explained that there has been discussion on paving all roads and what that will entail so what is in front of you tonight is a component of that. He said that \$500,000.00 is in EDIT for capital improvement with paving specifically listed, he also budgeted \$500,000.00 in riverboat and there is a \$960,000.00 remaining balance on the paving money that we received this year so there is just under \$2M budgeted for paving for next year.

Mr. Nash asked if they need more money for paving this year.

Mr. Gibson replied no, because the time that it would take to do an additional we would probably run out of time.

Mr. Phipps asked what we are paying for at Scribner Place.

Mr. Gibson stated that is the contribution to the YMCA and it has about six years remaining. He then went over the rest of the capital outlays.

Mr. Caesar asked about the sewer department transfer.

Mr. Gibson stated that it is permitted to be released from the sewer board but for bonding obligations it has to be budgeted for and shown.

Mr. Blair asked who is included in the salaries.

Mr. Gibson stated that he knows that Mr. Duggins and Ms. Fischer but he doesn't remember who else is and will have to find that out for them.

Mr. Blair asked about getting a bond for paving versus paying as we go.

Mr. Gibson stated that they are going to look at it and see what it would cost in long-term aspects. He explained that Mr. Christmas is taking an inventory of our roads which is what they are working off of now and he has given a ballpark number of \$1.4M just to stay where we are and is what we would need to budget yearly but that doesn't get us ahead. He said in order to get ahead we need to look at something of a larger magnitude and then you want to also budget in maintenance aspects and fixing repairs which we are starting to do more in-house now that we brought more guys back in.

Mr. Nash asked if the 2015-2016 paving list will be completed this year.

Mr. Gibson stated that he doesn't know what is on that list so he couldn't say.

Mr. Nash asked if a new paving list is being generated.

Mr. Gibson replied yes, that is part of what Clark Dietz is doing and they have also briefly started an inventory on sidewalks. He explained that part of the reason we have made such a huge push on the streets was to get that \$1M match from the state.

Mr. Caesar stated that years ago we just paved streets but now there is so much pavement on the streets that they have to be milled before paving again. He used the example of Bono Road where the base has to be completely replaced and said there are numerous places in New Albany where bases need to be addressed.

Dr. Knable stated that if it is milled down to the base you get much more wear out of it.

Mr. Gibson stated that unfortunately the philosophy in the past has been that we chose to pave more streets rather than doing a smaller number of streets perfectly. He feels that the philosophy has changed for everyone and that's why it is a little more in depth. He said that he will get the status on the paving study so that he get it to the council.

Mr. Blair stated that he is a big advocate of sidewalks because there are sidewalks that are just crumbled in front of people's homes and he would like to see money earmarked for that.

Mr. Gibson stated that he doesn't have it in the EDIT but he does have \$500,000.00 in rainy day specifically for sidewalks.

Mr. Blair stated that we don't know how much the cost is going to be until we get an inventory.

Mr. Gibson stated that is correct. He added that it will be more than \$500,000.00.

Dr. Knable stated that tomorrow we will have Police Chief Bailey's request for just under \$500,000.00 out of EDIT, Riverboat or Rainy Day for police cars and we know in advance that we will have one more year with a major purchase before it is put in the general fund so he asked if that would be allocated in the 2017 budget through EDIT or Riverboat.

Mr. Gibson replied no, he did not go there because he was looking more at the paving and sidewalk aspects. He then explained that they are projecting to have \$920,000.00 in EDIT assuming all expenditures are made through the end of the year but that does not include the \$570,000.00 sewer transfer so assuming that the transfer goes that would bump that up to almost \$1.5M which would put you at about \$1M after the police car expenditure if we took it all out of there.

Riverboat

Mr. Gibson stated that Riverboat is at \$706,000.00 projected for the end of the year.

Mr. Phipps asked if Blessings in a Backpack could be put back in Riverboat as a committed expense because he knows that organization is really worried that they will not have enough money to continue their program. He added that initially the council was going to do it for three years and then decided to do it year by year.

Dr. Knable stated that the way the council voted on it was that the organization would have to come back in each year to request it.

Mr. Blair stated that he agrees with Mr. Phipps as far as commitment to fund it but feels there is some benefit to having them come in and present because it helps with community awareness and so forth.

Mr. Phipps stated that he just doesn't want to see them forgotten.

Mr. Gibson stated that Police Chief Bailey has told him that next year is hopefully the last year for the car request before they will be on a true cycle. He added that he doesn't have a problem allocating that in EDIT or Riverboat.

Dr. Knable recommended putting it in so we don't have to scramble for it but said that as long as it is there when it needs to be there then he doesn't have a problem with it. He then said that the council approved \$500,000.00 for sidewalks when we received the allocation back from the state and asked if that reverts back to the general fund if it is not used by the end of the year.

Mr. Gibson stated that he recalled doing \$2M for paving but he doesn't recall doing \$500,000.00 for sidewalks.

Mr. Blair stated that he remembers the discussion and thinks that they wanted to do \$500,000.00 in sidewalks but left it in the same line item as paving and that's where he is coming from when he asked if it could be separated out.

Mr. Gibson stated that he does have it as an official line item in another budget that he is going to go over.

Riverboat

Mr. Gibson then went over the Riverboat budget and pointed out that Blessings in a Backpack has been set out with no amount in the line item and paving has been set out with the amount of \$500,000.00 in the line item.

Mr. Caesar asked what the city WiFi is.

Mr. Gibson stated that was an adjustment which was adjusted to \$50,000.00. He added that it was a key entry error.

Rainy Day

Mr. Gibson stated that \$967,551.00 is the 25% remaining balance that can be used for sidewalks, other expenses, etc. He stated that the balance left for paving is \$902,654.08 so he will make that adjustment. He explained that is the balance left from the 75% of the \$3.8M from the state that has to be used for paving. He said he also budgeted \$500,000.00 for sidewalks.

Mr. Blair asked what else is in rainy day.

Mrs. Moeller replied \$700,000.00.

Mr. Barksdale asked what the grand total is.

Mr. Gibson stated that grand total in this budget for paving is almost \$2M and \$500,000.00 for sidewalks.

Mr. Nash said that is budgeted.

Mr. Gibson stated that is correct and the \$1M is a rough estimate on what we have been told it may cost if we decided to go down the route of financing a large paving project.

Dr. Knable asked if he anticipates a need for some kind of survey on the sidewalks for the \$500,000.00 allocated.

Mr. Gibson stated that Clark Dietz is doing a sidewalk survey for us and he will get a timeframe for when that will be done.

Mr. Blair asked Mr. Gibson to go over the bond again.

Mr. Gibson stated that \$1M would get us about a \$13M-\$14M bond depending upon the years.

Mr. Blair asked if the bond will be paid over 14 or 15 years.

Mr. Gibson thinks it was a 15 year aspect of what they were first going to look at and if they are done right and maintained the life is 20 years or more on these. He explained that Clark Dietz

has said that no matter what you will want to factor in \$750,000.00-\$1M for repairs, maintenance, etc. so you don't get behind again.

Mr. Blair stated that he just hates to go 15 years because if you have bond payments, you will still be spending money on maintenance.

Mr. Gibson stated that he will still want to budget money for repairs to extend that life to where it needs to be.

Mr. Blair stated that he is still not convinced that the lifetime of a road is 15 years.

Mr. Nash stated that he just drove State Street the other day and it is just five years old and it's not in that good of shape.

Mr. Gibson stated that he has been told that if you maintain them properly then you will get a good life out of them and if you don't then you will run into problems.

Dr. Knable asked if they have mentioned that part of maintaining some of the roads is keeping heavy truck traffic off of them and on the roads that were designed for heavy trucks.

Mr. Gibson stated that he thinks that is a great a question that he thinks we would want our engineer to consider and ensure.

Mr. Nash stated that it is not enforced.

Mr. Phipps asked if there would be too much major disruption in doing that in one year.

Mr. Gibson stated that there is no way to do \$14M in one year but he was told by Clark Dietz that it could be done over a two year period. He added that it would take a lot of coordination and should probably be bid out as possibly three separate projects.

Mr. Blair stated that he would rather see \$1M earmarked for sidewalks specifically.

Mr. Gibson stated that he doesn't mind bumping that up if the council is interested in talking about that because we don't have any plans for that balance anyway.

Dr. Knable stated that he thinks if there is a plan that prioritizes them and it is spread out so that everyone gets a taste of it then he has no problem earmarking it.

Mr. Caesar stated that he thinks we need sidewalks and feels that there is more than enough money committed this year and if we look into this 10 year commitment then when Clark Dietz makes its final report we need to make a plan off of that plan.

Mr. Gibson stated that you will want to identify major areas that are in dire need and just redo those.

Mr. Blair stated that he would like to specifically allocate \$1M total to sidewalks then wait to get the inventory and put a plan together.

Mr. Caesar stated that he wants to make sure that there is always \$1M in Rainy Day.

Mr. Gibson stated that it puts us back to balance we were before we received the state money which is just over \$700,000.00.

Fire Department

Mr. Gibson stated that there are not many changes. He took off duty court appearance out of which was \$500.00 because it has never been used since he has been here.

Mr. Caesar asked how many firefighters were have.

Fire Chief Juliot replied 79 right now.

Mr. Caesar asked if that is where we need to be. He also asked if that is affecting the overtime which is at 89%.

Fire Chief Juliot replied that we will probably have about \$200,000.00 over in overtime.

Mr. Phipps asked where we should be to avoid some of the overtime.

Fire Chief Juliot replied 86 would put us at full staff and give us five floaters per crew. He added that we would then probably have less than \$100,000.00 per year.

Mr. Phipps stated that it would cost far more than that to staff fully.

Fire Chief Juliot replied yes because you would have to count insurance and benefits.

Dr. Knable asked if he is actively recruiting.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they currently open applications up during the month of August by the contract and approximately 150 people have applied and they will have a test in the fall and the written test in December and then they set the list to do interviews and then the list will be set to hire off of.

Mrs. Moeller stated that it is a continuous process and is not like any other job in the city where you just apply and within 30 days you may be in that position.

Mr. Blair asked if he has trouble getting qualified applicants.

Fire Chief Juliot replied no, he has lots people that are qualified.

Mr. Caesar stated that someone needs to sit down and figure out what we need to do.

Mr. Nash asked if there is a problem if we have 79 and 86 is where we need to be.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that at 83 that would put them at four floaters per crew.

Dr. Knable stated that he wants to make sure there is enough in the budget to get the buildings in a repair cycle and asked if there is an ongoing survey and cycle for repair on those.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that currently there are five stations and all except the one on Charlestown Road have been totally rehabbed or are new.

Dr. Knable asked if the one on Spring Street was fixed.

Fire Chief Juliot replied yes and stated that he just put a new roof on the back.

Mr. Nash asked if Charlestown Road is scheduled to be remodeled.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that through the redevelopment commission they received \$5.5M to build the station on Daisy Lane along with the training tower and the remodel of the Community Park station. He said they also had to put money into the Market Street station because it was in horrible condition and they actually had to move the firefighters out for quite some time while rehab was being done so they had to live in the training room at headquarters.

Mr. Gibson stated that there wasn't enough money available to rehab every one of them. He said that the Charlestown Road station is the last one that needs attention. He said that this line item is for minor or small repairs. He added that unfortunately the budget cannot support larger repair items.

Mr. Barksdale asked if Charlestown Road Station is in the overall plan.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that it is not currently in the budget and they are weighing out the options of relocating it since annexation has occurred or rehabbing it.

Mr. Barksdale asked if by chance annexation occurred beyond the cinemas then it would make more sense possibly to relocate.

Mr. Gibson stated that there is a tipping scale of when you hit a certain amount that you have taken then you have basically taken over their entire obligation so that would mean their firehouse and that duty out there. He gave the example of annexing out to his neighborhood which would put you over the tipping scale and would mean that we would have to basically assume the obligations of that fire district.

Mr. Caesar asked if we still have that piece of ground behind Tumbleweed.

Mr. Gibbons replied yes, as far as he knows.

Mr. Caesar stated that is where one was supposed to go but it got changed.

Mr. Aebersold asked what the line item for other garage supplies is for.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they dip into it for things like running short on tires or issues with trucks, etc.

Mr. Aebersold asked if it has to do with maintenance of all of the trucks.

Fire Chief Juliot replied yes and stated that they sometimes use it for repairs in the station.

Mr. Blair asked where the changes are in the budget from last year's budget.

Mr. Gibson stated that there is a slight increase in salaries because there were several retirements.

Mr. Blair asked when the contract is settled through.

Mr. Gibson stated that they had arbitration last year which dealt with 2016 and are still not in agreement on that but will be working on 2017 at some point.

Mr. Blair asked how much he budgeted for salary increase.

Mr. Gibson replied 2% because that is what we have done across the board for everybody. He then pointed out that there is a reduction in PERF because the contribution that the city does dropped 2%. He also pointed out that there was a reduction in gasoline.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that it is down a little because diesel prices are down and hopefully they stay that way.

Mr. Caesar asked if he knew of any anticipated major expenses that he was going to need.

Fire Chief Juliot replied no and stated that they are in pretty good shape right now.

Mr. Gibson pointed out that he never turns down a grant so if a grant comes up then he may take advantage of it.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they are down to two auxiliary pumpers for the city and his wish list would include two more pumpers at approximately \$400,000.00 each then the entire fleet would be up to snuff. He stated that a city our size should really have three auxiliary pumpers.

Fire Pension

Mr. Gibson stated that it is very similar to the police pension that they discussed. He explained that we get reimbursed so we are just kind of a go through agency for this.

Dr. Knable asked where the EMS contract comes out.

Mr. Gibson stated that we have no expenses for the EMS contract.

Dr. Knable asked if we contract out that service.

Mr. Gibson replied yes but there is no expense to the city.

Dr. Knable asked if they are run out of the firehouse.

Fire Chief Juliot replied yes.

Dr. Knable asked if that is a burden in any way.

Fire Chief Juliot replied that it is somewhat because he has to buy more household supplies but did point out that EMS contributes to the department's medical supplies which is a huge savings to the city.

Mr. Aebersold asked how many ambulances there are.

Fire Chief Juliot replied that there are two twenty-four hour trucks and one peak truck that is just 12 hours a day which comes on at about 8:00 a.m. in the mornings.

Mr. Aebersold asked if the two trucks stay at the same station or if they rotate around.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that he moves them around for response times. He said that one is at Daisy Lane, one is at Grant Line and one is at headquarters.

Dr. Knable asked if there are any objective changes in the quality of care as far as response times, survival rates, etc.

Fire Chief Juliot replied that when the fire department ran ambulance to Floyd Memorial they called them the God Squad and that was because they only catered to Floyd Memorial plus Floyd Memorial didn't have to pay a dime towards our EMS. He also said that yes, they generated money to offset costs but it wasn't profitable. He explained that they were at a basic EMT level and the ambulance company operates at a Paramedic level so they can provide a higher level of care than what we were providing.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that we were going to have to go to that level.

Fire Chief Juliot replied that is correct and stated that they were going to receive a grant to transfer everyone to Paramedic level which was going to take about a year and a half and only one guy said he would do it and the rest said no. He added that one of the reasons that the ambulance was voted out of the contract was because firefighters didn't want to work it any longer.

Mr. McLaughlin pointed out that overtime from the ambulances would be way up from what it is now.

Dr. Knable stated that he realizes it is a good deal financially but we have an obligation to provide the best service that we can so he would like a report back with some sort of regards to survival rates, etc. on runs.

Mr. Gibson stated that they monitor and any complaints are usually received by chief's office and they will investigate it or they will forward it on to Rural.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that when the firefighters were running the ambulances he would field three to four complaints on his personnel a week and since the service has taken over he may get one complaint a year.

Dr. Knable said that he just wanted to make certain that we have some kind of oversight and it sounds as though we do.

Mr. Phipps stated that he thinks having that choice of where you want to go to the hospital is critical to so many people.

Mr. Caesar asked if there is a summary set for the General Fund.

Mr. Gibson replied yes and passed out summary of all of the General Fund aspects.

Mr. Blair stated that he would like to see a projection of EDIT and Riverboat on where we think we will end up at the end of next year.

Mr. Gibson stated that he would get that for him.

Mr. Blair stated that he knows there are projects proposed such as the two-way street conversion in which the city is funding a portion and asked Mr. Gibson where the funds would likely come from.

Mr. Gibson replied that part is a match and LRS is one component as well as redevelopment but there will be no need to bring those additional costs to the council for an additional appropriation.

Mr. Blair stated that the number he saw was \$400,000.00 that it would cost the city for street conversions and asked if the funding is going to come out of the components that he just mentioned.

Mr. Gibson replied yes.

Dr. Knable asked about a list of salaried personnel.

Mr. Gibson stated that the salary ordinances will list each position and its salary and will be completed by the first meeting in October.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk