

City of Spirit Lake
Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop
City Hall
June 27, 2018
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Mayor Eastman called the special meeting to order at 1:05; roll call was taken with Councilors Joy Porter, Gary Ventress, and Chris Robinson present; Angel Vanderwilt was absent.

Director Laura Zimmerman of the Park and Recreation Department presented her wish list, adding new programs, a cell phone booster at the Rec Center at the boat launch so credit/debit cards could be accepted, also for the Rec Center, a new printer/copier, and repairs to a broken window. Also discussed was a new recreation center to accommodate park and rec activities without limiting the seniors use of the community center. Laura is also reviewing activity fees charged by other communities in comparison to ours, as our current fees may not cover the associated costs of each program. Also discussed was adding another Ziggy's shed for storage.

Chief Dennis Sanchez of the Police Department again expressed he is focused on wages to retain quality officers; to get his departments wages comparative to surrounding areas, an increase of approximately \$55,000 was requested; this would also eliminate the expense of training and outfitting new officers. Also discussed was a bid of \$2,500 to address the radon issue in the building, issues with the back parking lot, a new vehicle, and the potential of a new building to house the department.

Additional workshops were set for July 11 and 18, both at 9:30 a.m.

Councilor Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Ventress and a vote of aye by all – motion passed.

Renee Eastman, Mayor

Attest:

Ann Clapper, City Clerk