

City of Spirit Lake
Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop
City Hall
July 30, 2018
9:00 AM

Mayor Eastman called the special meeting and budget workshop to order at 9:06; roll call was taken with Councilors Joy Porter, Angel Vanderwilt, Chris Robinson, and Gary Ventress present.

Budget Workshop:

No funds were added for Pathways Capital Improvements, \$100,000 added for Park Capital Improvements for completion of Volunteer Park. Councilor Ventress would like to see a new snow plow funded from the streets, parks, cemetery, water and sewer funds. Councilor Ventress would also like to see tablets or laptops for all Councilors. Discussion ensued regarding renting vs. purchasing a compressor and skid steer. Mayor Eastman stated Public Works would rather have good paved streets than new plows. More discussion. The Police Department estimated a new car would be \$54,000 including outfitting as a patrol vehicle, with two annual payments of approximately \$18,000 and approximately \$19,000 to outfit. Also discussed was increasing the wage for a potential office assistant at City Hall from \$12 per hour to \$15 to get a more qualified hiring pool, which would add \$7,500 annually, split between administration, water, and sewer wage and benefit funds. More discussion.

Councilor Porter left the meeting at 11:35 p.m.

Councilor Robinson requested to create a new building maintenance fund of \$5,000, by deducting \$2,500 from both the Police Department and Administration general funds. This fund would then pay for building maintenance at the buildings housing the Police Department and City Hall.

Carry over of \$36,591 was added to balance out the budget; all numbers were revised on the Revenue and Expenditure Tentative Budget at 11:45 and printed for Council review. More discussion ensued on the take home police cars and the necessity for two cars to be on take home. More discussion.

Councilor Robinson motioned to approve the 2019 tentative budget, second by Councilor Ventress, followed by a roll call vote with Councilors Vanderwilt, Robinson and Ventress all voting aye – motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Renee Eastman, Mayor

Attest:

Ann Clapper, City Clerk