

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

### **April 6, 2023 6:00 p.m.**

A budget workshop was held on April 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Present in person at the meeting were Mayor Pro Tem Lori Shore-Smith, Councilor Mark Baker, Councilor Carla Hall, and Administrator Dan Corder. Mayor Myron W. Marion and Councilor Boyce Shore attended remotely. Attendance was 6. No members of the public were in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Lori Shore-Smith called the meeting to order, and then turned the meeting over to Administrator Corder to update the Council concerning the status of the 2022-2023 budget and the preparations for the 2023-2024 budget.

He presented several items to the Council. The review and discussion proceeded as follows:

- The current budget year was reviewed and estimated revenues and expenditures were discussed. The Village is performing better than expected on revenues and expenses.
- Administrator Corder presented a summary of grant funding availability for ARP Funds, OSBM Funds, and PARTF funds. Assuming the Village Park Phase II bids at estimated cost, there could potentially be ARP funding left for future needs of up to \$599,059.
- A quote sheet on a tractor purchase was presented. The Council discussed selling the current tractor and purchasing a new tractor. There could be potential for a financing agreement which would carry 0% interest or the Village could purchase on State Contract. We will have to discuss this purchase in the next workshop.
- The Accounting Contract was discussed. Gibson and Company has proposed a three-year agreement and the first-year cost would be \$15,225 for 2024 with 5% increases in cost for 2025 and 2026. These costs would not cover single audit requirements which would not kick in until 2025. The Council discussed the contract and decided by consensus to add this contract to the regular Council meeting agenda for discussion.
- The Village needs to perform some maintenance to the house owned by the Village at the corner of the intersection. Roof repairs were necessary on two occasions this winter. The house needs cleaning, painting, and porch floor and ceiling repairs. Also, the maintenance barn needs some repairs.
- The first estimate of ad valorem tax revenue was reviewed. There will be at least two more estimates delivered prior to budget adoption.
- The LGERS contribution rate for employers will be 12.85% effective July 1, 2024.
- The Council reviewed the recommendations of the Administrator for salary costs for the Park and Administrative Departments for 2023-2024. Each position was evaluated by Council and the rates for each position would be included in the 2023-2024 budget subject to final budget approval by the Council.
- Administrator Corder will provide a recommended budget to the Council at the workshop scheduled for May 4, 2023 at 6 p.m. Council may make further changes at the workshop and the regularly scheduled Council meeting on the same day.

Councilor Carl Hall made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Lori Shore-Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

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