

Troy City Special Council Meeting
City Shop Meeting Room
March 2, 2011
7:00 pm

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Council: Phil Fisher, Fran McCully, Gary Rose, John Clogston, City and City Clerk Sandra Johnson.

GUESTS: Karen Clogston, Nancy Wagner, and Keith Wagner

MID TERM BUDGET REVIEW:

Revenues:

Phil Fisher asked John Clogston if he had a copy of the current budget. He replied; no. Fran McCully addressed Sandra Johnson stating; for four or five months, we received a budget that was basically the same. Johnson answered; that was because it was during budget. Fran replied; that is why I didn't give him one. I thought they were all the same. Discussion followed to fill in Clogston. Fisher wanted to go through them monthly starting with January.

Fran McCully asked Johnson if the claims are one month behind. Johnson answered; yes, what you have is January. February hasn't been completed yet.

Discussion followed regarding comparisons on budget to actual received. Sandra Johnson advised that we get real property tax monthly, but the biggest months are November and May because that is when they are due. She added; if there are ones from prior years, that haven't been paid, we get those too. If people don't pay their taxes from this year, then the projected amount will be lower.

Fisher used Animal Control for an example when explaining the process to Clogston. We estimated it at \$50.00 received and we are above that. Discussion followed on Fines and Forfeitures. He added; next year will be different. Miscellaneous revenue is just a projected number. Fisher stated; I think this is why it is important to review the monthly ones.

Discussion between Fisher asked Clogston to update new Council Member Clogston: Fisher asked if he understood about the Montana CTEP and STEP grants. Every department has their own revenues, but they are all totaled at the bottom. Fisher pointed out comprehensive liability and PERS. Clogston asked why it is at 131% for contributions to retirement. Johnson reiterated; this is what I was talking about, it is probably because of the back payments. They are doing away with anything mobile home, so anything you see is from way back. Fran McCully answered; so it will phase out then. Johnson said yes, at a certain point. It is in that HB184, they lumped everything together, but you will see a little bit come in from time to time. Johnson explained that some drug forfeiture funds are State and can only be used on certain things. Pension and Training won't be used much anymore. The Police Department is now MPORS instead of Social Security. It is strictly for police and sheriff's department. None of the PD employees get Social Security, but we still have to pay Medicare.

There was discussion on how the Census and population affect the mileage for gas tax. It is always increased by annexation.

911 funds goes to the County now to be administered. Once the funds are gone from this budget line, we won't get it anymore.

FMB interest was explained. Johnson added; you will see different amounts in there. Right now we are over and that is because we are getting better interest now. I move the money around so we get good return.

DEQ Grant is still going forward.

Johnson explained that 3050 are past funds, when that happens, I have to transfer those funds into General Fund to the Fire Department Budget. That will be an end of the year closing adjustment.

Water Department: Fran McCully asked all the funding was completed for Phase II of the Water Project. Sandra answered; we still have one more request that has to be approved for S&L Underground after their punch list is completed. RPA is done. There was discussion on CTEP funds. Johnson explained that the funds still have to be applied for, and explain what it will be used for. The plan is to use it for matching funds on a Safe Routs to School Grant.

Base rates plus the usage and interest were explained. Bulk water sales were discussed.

Sewer Department: there were questions on the interest paid during the first year of the project, Sandra Johnson will follow up.

Electric Utility: Northern Lights. Fran McCully asked what kind of reporting is sent to Northern Lights to receive the revenues. Johnson answered; it is on the time cards, it shows standby, overtime, and standard. We pay our employees, but what we actually get back is more. There is a standard fee that Northern Lights pays the City just to take care of the hydro's. Phil Fisher brought up that we are already at 85%, he asked if she thought it would go over. Johnson answered; yes, there was fish study this year. McCully would like everyone to get together so she can see how it works. There was discussion on how the power grid works and purchasing power from Bonneville Power, but supplied through the NL Hydro's.

Phil Fisher questioned Miscellaneous Reimbursements. Johnson explained.

Gary Rose asked what the Pole Encroachments was. Johnson explained that each company is charged to put their lines on our poles. Discussion on the Windjammer Contract followed. Johnson advised that it is still not signed due to not having a City Attorney.

Central Office Services: Fisher updated Clogston on the General Fund split to each department.

McCully asked why the sewer isn't printed out under the description; she stated that they just assumed that it was sewer. Johnson answered, yes it is sewer, it just hasn't been titled, it is all bars codes, which are a standard throughout the State that we use those numbers. McCully asked if we could put it in. Johnson answered; maybe Black Mountain can, but we can't. Fisher pointed out the department numbers to the other council members. Discussion followed regarding how it shows up on the claims.

There was discussion on the time-line in which the Senior Citizen CD interest becomes available to the City.

Expenditures:

Phil Fisher updated Clogston on how to read the different funds. He explained the account numbers and object.

McCully had a question on an \$8,000 audit. Johnson explained that it is separated out. Discussion followed regarding the upcoming audits for all the different agencies.

Attorney wages and fees were discussed. Johnson explained that the time difference is between the end of the pay period and the actual date of the claim.

John Clogston had questions on the codification. It was explained how it would be split between the general fund and each department. Fisher explained that \$10,000 was budgeted for it, but depending on what we want, it should come in less, around \$5,800. Discussion followed.

Fran McCully asked what the debt service principal and debt service interest was. Johnson explained that if it is under Police Department, yes, it is their vehicles. She reminded them that they will be completely paid off this fiscal year. Discussion followed.

Discussion on the amounts appropriated for the water feature and general construction followed.

Johnson explained the CTEP Grant and the Safe Routes to School Grant. She explained the application process, and that it has to be in conjunction with the County CTEP project.

Phil Fisher explained the Revenue Summary. Johnson advised that STIP is the State investment program. Fisher went the exact balances of the accounts. Johnson explained that the deposit is balanced to the Black Mountain System every day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Phil Fisher, Council President

ATTEST:

Sandra Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer