

UTILITIES/STORMWATER (PUBLIC WORKS) COMMITTEE MEETING
And PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019 AT 11:30 AM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Jarvis, Council Members Isaiah Spencer, Jackie Oliver and Jean Leavell, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, EMS Director Mike Workman, Misty Cutshall, Public Works Director and Assistant Public Works Director Chase Clay.

Misty Cutshall announced that the state would be doing a stormwater inspection on Thursday. She also said she had been doing work on a potential project at Derby Park, that FEMA has to be involved and they said the city could not build a berm but could create more volume by digging out around the pond of water if permission from the homeowners could be obtained. She asked about \$500,000 and they said that might get it started. They recommended lowering the injection well.

She stated that on the city's stormwater ordinance that sets the fee to \$3 per residential equivalent unit needs to have a cap on it since the racetrack is designed to take care of their own stormwater and they are already doing a lot of improvements to the city's system and the mayor added that their water is also recycled.

Misty also discussed the IGSA agreement where Ft. Campbell has found a way to contract with a local government for services to save them the money and benefit the city. One of those is mowing and the cons would be that it is scary and you've got to hire some people and it's a lot of work and the pros are they are willing to pay for those people and the equipment for the entire year and when it wasn't mowing season those people and that equipment would continue to work for the city at no cost to the city. She asked from feedback from council before they agree to go forward with it. It would definitely be 8 full time employees with additional part time people. They can help with roads and grounds, cleaning out ditches and drains, painting, repairs and other jobs that the city needs done in their off time. She asked the council members about attending a future meeting with them.

Jackie Oliver questioned being able to hire and keep employees and Jean Leavell stated that she would have to have a lot more information than what they have right now. Ms. Leavell also questioned whether they would be on the same pay scale as the city workers.

Jean Leavell asked about a head wall that had been washed out for a while in the area of Bush and Van Buren. Jackie Oliver said that the drainage was 4 to 5 feet to the left of where it should be and was washing out underneath a property owner's fence. Jean Leavell also asked about a sidewalk that was buckling on 41A. Mr. Clay said he had cut a section out and worked on it and they had called Dennis Roeder at the State Road Department.

Misty Cutshall handed out copies of the budget that is still in progress. She stated that she had added in some revenue for occupational license tax and property taxes from the racetrack and that on the expense side she had added one for Wades Way Park and one for Travel and Training for City Council & Boards. She noted that for the General Fund there was a negative number of \$724,965. That is the shortfall, the difference between revenues and expenses. As for the water fund, there is no shortfall. As far as the capital outlay, the big ticket items, the increase in hazardous retirement, just the increase, is more than \$20,000. The health insurance had a slight upward change. The general liability insurance

stayed relatively the same. So the main increase is in retirement and adding two more police officers. She stated this budget is funding 18 officers, cars, equipment, radios, dash cams. The mayor stated that when we hire an officer from the academy to getting on the road it's about 100 grand. Her goal is to build the department to 20 officers.

There was discussion about different areas that needed mowing and whether the city, county or state was responsible for the mowing and about branches being dumped on Walter Garrett Lane.

Jackie Oliver asked about the \$95,000 in the budget for a backhoe. Chase Clay explained that the backhoe was worn out from lack of care. He explained it had been used to load salt for years and it was never taken care of, washed off. Everything is rusted on it, the levers stick and is falling apart. He explained that it was used often, almost every day. He explained that it was needed to replace fire hydrants, to dig up water lines, etc.

In regard to public safety, there was discussion about car video and computers and the state moving to all digital. The cost will be \$130,000 for the body cams and dash cams but could save us millions in a lawsuit. Chief Cunningham said that he had put in for a grant for 20 tasers that may not cost anything. He also explained that as far vehicles, the Explorer is 4-wheel drive whereas the Dodge Chargers would not work in many situations, and the Tahoe's were too large so of the three possible police vehicles that are made the Explorer would be the best choice. Chief Cunningham also said that our current IT people will be able to set up the computers.

Mike Workman discussed the cost of a fire department, stating that it would cost as much as a police department to set up and that it is not feasible for the budget right now. He stated that there was an alternate plan for storing the truck at EMS during the widening of 911. Jackie Oliver asked about promotions at the fire department. Mike Workman stated that they had stopped promotions at the present time. He said it is usually done by training and certifications but since this is a volunteer force he is deciding the best way to go about it. He suggested that having a full time chief would improve the fire department. Jackie Oliver asked that the chief spend more time at the fire department.