

Budget Worksession
May 13, 2009
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Present: Councilors Gemignani, McKenzie, Freeman, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.
Absent: None.

Also present: City Clerk Karen Haischer and Manager Anderson.

Posted Agenda:

Call to order by Mayor William Laitila, roll call.
3rd session - Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Pizza, pop and water for dinner prior to the start of the meeting.

Reminder:

Saturday, May 16th Parade. Starts on S. Lincoln going East to Scott Hotel.

Update on Water Project.

Repairing Gartner's hydrant

2 more hydrants on Hancock St.

Repaired leaks at Ryan, Michigan, Ohio, and Sampson.

Main on Franklin Street behind SNB started leaking again.

Complaints.

Too much pressure, blowing up hot water tanks

-Vivian Street won't be completed under this project as there are no funds left.

-City Manager out of the office Friday. Gone to the UP City Manager meeting.

-Scheduled a meeting with the Ordinance Committee (Belej, McKenzie and Hainault)

-Had about 80 people turn out for the City clean up. 62 for Breakfast and collected 30 yards of debris.

-Bridgifest is a (501C3) donation \$2000. Chamber dropped them for fireworks insurance, REMAX quoted them \$4000 for a policy.

-August 24 - September 2, a Hancock Hockey Team is going to Porvoo. (Belej and Anderson on behalf of the City)

-Houghton new water rate fees for turn on / turn off is \$60 each

Police Request:

1. Radar \$1395.00 budgeted

2. Tazer \$1,226.90 x 2 budgeted

3. Spike System \$359.00 budgeted

4. Video camera for 2nd car \$4,999.00

Wait until award of the COPS Grant and if awarded, then purchase a video camera.

Reviewed:

Local Street

CDBG

Building Authority

Parking Meter

- review revenue from stickers, meters and fines.

- consider hiring a part-time person to enforce meters

Transit

-Our Auditors are working on a cost allocation plan.

Sewer

-increase rate by 15%

-Public Hearing on June 17th, increase effective with the June Billing.

-72% of our budget goes to PLWSA and 28% on our system.

Water

Sylvan Estates/Development Fund

- budgeted 3 lot sales
Employee Benefit
- increased the fringe benefit rated from 79% to 91.5%
- in lieu of raise, non-union elected a pension increase.
Motor Vehicle
DDA and DDA TIF
Local Street TIF

2013 - 150th Anniversary of the City of Hancock
Rumor has it they might want FinnFest in Hancock, last time was in 1990.

Ordinance Committee to meet on Tuesday, Noon on May 10th at the Copper Island
Clubhouse.

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Freeman that this special budget
worksession be adjourned. Time: 8:10 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

William Laitila, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk