

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018, 5:30 P.M.
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

A budget workshop was called to order on this date by Mayor Schmidt. Present: Council members Agnitsch, Brown, Johnson, Miller, Pingel, City Administrator Kooiker and City Clerk-Treasurer Cargin.

The Council heard budget requests from the Police, Fire, Building Inspection, City Council, Mayor/Administration, Financial Administration, Legal, City Hall Building and Planning & Zoning departments. Police department is requesting funding for three cell phones and three MyFi devices as well as replacing a patrol vehicle. Fire department is requesting an increase for their Merchandise for Resale line item which includes fire extinguishers and powder for customer resale as there is an increase in the public using this service. Building Inspection department is requesting no increase to their budget. City Council would like an increase for mobile electronic devices such as IPADS. Mayor/Administration budget is requesting a small increase for Dues, Memberships, and also Travel & Conference. Financial Administration is requesting an increase in Data Processing line item for LaserFiche software. Legal services is requesting a small increase. City Hall building is requesting an increase for a new fire alarm system and painting in the building. Planning & Zoning is requesting an increase in consultant fees line item.

Linda Burkhart asked the council to consider a \$25,000 donation from Hotel/Motel funds to the Sanford Museum & Planetarium Project, either a lump sum of \$25,000 or a pledge of \$5,000 per year for five years. Councilperson Brown is in favor of allocating \$30,000 in FY19 to the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Board for grants and that the Advisory Board decide how the money is awarded.

The Council discussed how to eliminate a negative ending fund balance in the FEMA Flood Buyout Program in the amount of \$85,039. Options include transferring unallocated Emergency Set-Aside funds, re-directing a portion of utility franchise fees from Road Use Equipment, transfers from General Fund and using Hotel/Motel funds.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Media Present: *None*

Craig Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk Treasurer