

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018, 5:30 P.M.
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

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

The Council heard budget requests from the Library, Cemetery, Parks, Recreation, Community Center, Swimming Pool and Public Works Departments. Zach Freking-Smith, Library Director, is requesting the children's/special services librarian be made a full-time position, otherwise there are no major changes in his budget request. Jamie Hodgdon, Cemetery Sexton, discussed plans for a new cemetery bathroom/storage building for Oak Hill Cemetery. The City has been putting aside \$11,400 per year for the last four years and has another \$40,000 available in the Oak Hill Special Care Fund for the building. The estimated cost is approximately \$95,000. The council decided to include a transfer from the general fund in the FY19 budget to fund the remainder of the cost. Duane Mummert, Park Superintendent has included the cost of replacing a 2002 pickup with over 168,000 miles on it in his budget and also the purchase of a new 72" deck mower. Dave Ellis, Recreation Director has not made any major increases to the recreation budget and is requesting funds to replace chairs in the lower level of the community center and replacing the carpet on the covered entryway. Dave is requesting additional money to increase pool salaries. Converting the sand area at BAC to a playground area was discussed, as sand gets tracked into the pool and gets into the pumps. It was decided to look at ways to improve the spray area instead. Armond Rider, Public Works Director, is including funds for a new sand bunker in the street dept.'s budget as well as a new sander. Replacing the maintainer will be necessary in the next few years but is not included in this budget. After discussion, work on W. Elm parking and N. 10th St. was removed from the 2018 Street Projects. Armond would like to replace a 2006 pickup in the water department, otherwise does not have any large projects for that budget. The upgrades to the water treatment plant will be completed in the current year. Replacing roofs on the MHI and W. Beech St. lift stations, new radio controls at these two lift stations and a new RAS pump are included in the wastewater budget.

After consideration, the council decided to keep the children's/special services librarian position as part-time, and to include in the budget a contribution of \$25,000 (\$12,500 over two years) from hotel/motel tax revenue for the Sanford Museum & Planetarium project.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Media Present: *None*

Wayne Pingel, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Diane Cargin

City Clerk Treasurer

