

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023, 4:30 P.M.
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

A budget workshop was called to order on this date by Mayor Schmidt. Roll call: Present: Councilpersons Brown, Loughlin, Pingel, Wigginton, Wilberding, City Administrator List, and City Clerk-Treasurer Lucas. Absent None.

Department heads presented their budget requests for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Dave Ellis, Recreation Director reviewed his budget requests for Recreation, Community Center and Swimming Pool. He stated that the only major changes in the Community Center budget is replacing the bathroom sinks and toilets on the upper level, and refinishing the stage front. In the Recreation budget, they plan to purchase new basketball uniforms. The Pool budget increases include having a company evaluate the slides and painting them. Dave would also like to replace the sidewalk between the entrance to the pool and the island and put a crosswalk in.

Duane Mummert, Parks Superintendent, included an increase in utility services and needing to update mowers. Mummert is earmarking \$15,000 in the FY 23-24 budget towards the cost of replacing playground equipment in the future. Camping revenue is increased due to the number of construction workers staying.

Tyler Hahn, Library Director, explained his budget request which included a new door security system, and an increase in books for more large print books.

Nate James, Police Chief, will have an increase due to two officers attending the academy, and will need to replace 3 bullet proof vest. They are also in need of a new squad vehicle, but are unable to get a quote at this time.

Casey Carpenter, Fire Chief, reviewed the Fire and Building Inspection budgets, there is a slight increase in the Building Inspection budget due to attending some workshops. The Fire budget increased to due to labor and supplies to build a room to store their gear in. Carpenter is earmarking \$14,000 in the FY 23-24 budget towards the cost of replacing air packs in the future.

Chris Horton, Cemetery Sexton, reported not much change in the Cemetery budget. Horton is earmarking \$10,000 in the FY 23-24 budget towards building a crematorium.

There is no major changes to the Mayor/Council, Financial Administration budgets. City Hall budget has an increase due to needing to replace the retaining wall and some parking lot repairs.

Luke Gravenish, Public Works Director, reported on Streets, Water, and Wastewater budget request. Request include replacing the 2011 snow plow, and an increase for ash tree removal, we will also have a couple of street repairs to make.

Water Department proposed budget includes capping 3 wells. Gravenish also requested earmarking \$25,000 for the next 2 years to prepare for the rehab of Well 12.

Wastewater Department budget request include some sewer repairs and the Beech Street Lift Station Relocation which we have been awarded a FEMA grant. The City will need to do a Water and Sewer rate analysis in the near future.

At 5:59 p.m. motion by Wigginton, seconded by Brown to pause the Budget Workshop meeting and hold the Regular City Council meeting. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

At 7:15 p.m. motion by Pingel, seconded by Loughlin to resume the Budget Workshop. Roll call was: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Recommendation of the council was to direct departments to anticipate a 5% wage increase effective July 1, 2023 and no change to other health benefits.

On a motion by Brown, seconded by Loughlin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Media Present: *None*

Craig Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:
Sara Lucas
City Clerk-Treasurer