

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022, 5:00 P.M.
CHEROKEE CITY HALL**

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

Department heads presented their budget requests for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

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 for new window treatments and a cement pad to move the trash cans away from the back door at the Community Center. In the Recreation budget there is no major changes. The increase in the Swimming Pool budget is because the pool needs repainted and the increase cost of chemicals.

Duane Mummert, Parks Superintendent, included an increase in utility fees and needing to update a mower. Mummert is requesting earmarking \$15,000 in the FY 22-23 budget towards the cost of replacing playground equipment.

Tyler Hahn, Library Director, explained his budget request which included an increase in wages for his staff. Hahn stated that the increase in revenue is due to the number of Library fines and the Cherokee Archives is paying a yearly lease to the Library.

Nate James, Police Chief, is requesting a new School Resource Officer. The Cherokee Schools is willing to contribute to the cost of the new officer. James stated that they are in need of new squad cars, but are unable to find any at this time.

Casey Carpenter, Fire Chief, reviewed the Fire and Building Inspection budgets, there is no major changes in the Building Inspection budget. Carpenter stated that the Fire Department is in desperate need of new bunker gear, air packs, and fire hose.

Chris Horton, Cemetery Sexton, requested replacing a John Deere tractor with a Bobcat Skid loader. Horton stated that there was also an increase in his budget for a monument for the Townsend family.

There is no major changes to the Mayor/Council, Financial Administration, or City Hall Building budgets.

At 6:59 p.m. motion by Loughlin, seconded by Black 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.

Luke Gravenish, Public Works Director, reported on Streets, Water, and Wastewater budget request. Request include replacing the street sweeper and a dump truck, also a 42 x 30 addition to the street shop. Gravenish stated a large increase for the removal of Ash trees, and increase in fuel prices, and repainting several traffic lights in town.

Water Department proposed budget includes an increase to paint and re-caulk the Water Treatment Plant building, and the purchase of a new truck if one can be found. Gravenish also requested earmarking \$25,000 for the next 3 years to prepare for the rehab of Well 12.

Wastewater Department budget request include the replacement of their current UTV with a new Honda UTV. Gravenish reported that there is no other major request in the budget, but would like the council to be aware that the lagoon fencing is in bad shape and is going to need replaced.

Adjournment

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

Media Present: *None*

Craig Schmidt, Mayor

Sara Lucas
City Clerk-Treasurer