

Minutes

THE CITY OF TUTTLE COUNCIL MEMBERS MET IN REGULAR WORKSHOP SESSION ON **JUNE 27, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.** IN THE TUTTLE CITY HALL BUILDING LOCATED AT 221 W. MAIN STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: SCOTT DICKSON, TREY BUCK AND MARY SMITH

MEMBERS ABSENT: AUSTIN HUGHES AND AARON MCLEROY

STAFF PRESENT: LARRY MITCHELL, DAVID PERRYMAN, WENDY MARBLE, AARON SLATTERY, DON CLUCK AND RYAN ALLEN

OTHERS PRESENT: LESLIE WALKER

CALL TO ORDER McLeroy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Marble called roll and declared a quorum present

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. UPDATES, DISCUSSION, and QUESTIONS regarding:

a. Fire Department – Proposed Staffing Increase

Allen presented 522 has increased the city's allocation by another \$150,000 a year. He stated he would like to hire 3 more firefighter positions. Dickson asked how this happened. Allen stated he asked for the funds for staffing rather than capital improvements, such as ambulances and they granted the request. Dickson asked if the total cost for employee is \$55,000 and Allen stated yes, base salary is \$36,800 before benefits.

Smith stated this is for discussion and can take action at the July meeting. She asked what the impact is this year. Allen stated \$82,000 will come from the reserve to supplement this year, since funds won't be available until 2023.

Perryman presented this will need to be approved by the 522 board of commissioners each year.

Mitchell stated the July agenda will need the authorization to hire and budget amendment.

Allen presented the change in volunteer reimbursement currently \$12.50 per call, stating it has not been changed in several years. He also stated he would like to allocate money for standby pay, only spending half of what is budgeted.

Allen presented updated mission statement for the department. Dickson asked if this should be consistent with all city departments and have all create a mission statement. Mitchell stated this is something that could be discussed at budget time.

b. Notice of ONG Transportation Rate Change

Mitchell presented not much can be done about the increase. He attended two meetings with ONG. Perryman stated ONG said these changes happened in 2016-2017 and no notice was given to the city. ONG will not disclose any other cities that this applies to. Mitchell was able to get it delayed to July billing of 2023.

Dickson asked if this is a new tariff. Perryman stated a new component of the overall charges for transportation. Perryman stated we could ask other municipalities if they are being charged this. Mitchell stated no council action is required for this.

- c. Republic Services/Allied Waste Rate Adjustment
Mitchell presented Republic will breakout cost of charges for next year to see what we may want to change. He stated the price adjustment is for July 1, 2022 to adjust the CPI and fuel surcharge. This will be on the July agenda.
- d. Discussion of City Oil and Gas Drilling Ordinance, Chapter 14, Section 14-17, that establishes noise restrictions for drilling and fracking
Smith stated noise is one the complaint we heat most. She stated other communities build or require sound walls. Dickson asked what is driving this. Mitchell stated this is an option the city has. Perryman stated he believes exploration will pick up soon and the city needs to be prepared.
- e. Status of City Hall Second Floor Build-Out
Mitchell presented final set of plans and bid packets will go out this week or next. Perryman asked if fire marshal has to approve. Mitchell stated he will verify but does not think it is required. He stated any bids over \$10,000 will come before the council.
- f. Department Reports
Mitchell stated he will be on vacation beginning June 13th. He stated Marble will be the acting interim city manager in my absence.
- g. Councilmember Reports
no reports

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion was made by Buck, seconded by Dickson to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried as follows:
Aye: Dickson, Buck and Smith
Nay: None**

Attest:

Wendy Marble, City Clerk

Aaron McLeroy, Mayor