

WORK SESSION

A Work Session of the Hogansville City Council was held on Monday, June 18, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stankiewicz at 5p.m.

Present were Mayor Bill Stankiewicz, Council Member Reginald Jackson, Council Member Marichal Price, Council Member Fred Higgins, Council Member George Bailey, and Council Member Theresa Strickland. Also present were City Manager David Milliron, and City Clerk Lisa Kelly.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Proposed 2018/2019 Annual Budget. Milliron noted staff was asked to go through the originally presented budget and look at some items. Staff has answered the questions and made some adjustments. Draft two of the proposed budget was presented ahead of this meeting, along with a three-page document with adjustments made. LOST and alcohol sales revenues were adjusted after review, with a conservative estimate. Building permits are questionable; three permits have been issued with the intention of building 50 homes total but we don't know how quickly the houses will sell or how quickly the builder will build, so we are being especially careful with the estimated revenue. Rent income was adjusted to a percentage of the probation charges. Parks and Recreation I Fire Department fuel revenue was adjusted slightly. Staff needs to look deeper into the rates charged for fuel; the City carries all the regulatory compliance, upkeep, and maintenance on the pumps. FEMA projects were discussed and the revenue that should be received during the 2019 budget year. Just over \$400k is owed to the City. Overtime has been removed from the budget with the understanding some changes will need to be made to allow for emergencies. SPLOST revenue from 2006 and non-operating debt was adjusted slightly to reflect current data. Milliron discussed the Council restricted expense line in the amount of \$250k. He also discussed the bond covenants that are not met and the implications it could cause with Assured Guarantee. Travel I training was discussed and the amounts associated with conferences. Hummingbird expenses were backed out slightly. Staff is working to cut expenditures with regard to the Police costs and sanitation costs. Mayor stated he does not think the Charitable Trust would be opposed to helping with the expenditures. Codification of ordinances was briefly discussed. One

part-timer in the Police Department has not been utilized for some time and has been removed from the budget. There was a formula error found that attributed to a \$45k change. Condition of trees in City rights of way was discussed and expenses allowed for tree-trimming at a cost \$1700 - \$2500 per tree. Additional expenses are being considered for scrap tire removal. A few additional minor adjustments were made in travel for the street department, employee assistance program, Three Rivers Regional Commission, and demolition of condemned property. Water Distribution department has been given additional allowance for contingency. Medical insurance has not been adjusted to reflect current rates just yet. The renewal quote came in with a 15% reduction but had to immediately go back and disclose a medical issue with one employee which will likely affect the reduction negatively. Jackson asked about the allocated dollars for accreditation in the Police Department. Chief Harr explained the Police Department is due for accreditation renewal this upcoming year. Other associated costs were discussed in the Police Department and the fact that expenditures for court are being broken out into separate line items. The condition of the Police Department was discussed and the need to secure the integrity of the structure to include cyber security. Overall expenditures of the department were discussed and increasing costs to the total budget. An increase of 15% is being budgeted for the Police Department. Take home vehicles vs. increase in salaries was discussed and the tax off-set to the City. Intergovernmental costs were discussed to include the increase on cost for the Fire Department. Sanitation costs were discussed in some detail and the fact that money is lost every year in this department. There is a need pretty quickly to re-write the sanitation ordinance to put this department back to whole. Grants was briefly discussed and how the revenue and expenses off-set each other equally.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, on a motion made by Council Member Strickland and dually seconded by Council Member Bailey the meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully,

Lisa E. Kelly, CMC

City Clerk

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