

Working Budget Meeting on Thursday June 20, 2024, at Town Hall

Attendees: Tamara Todd, Curtis Green, Diane Kaatz, Mayor Jennifer Bailey, and Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Meacham.

Called to order at 5:30PM

Preliminary Budget:

Discussion began with the library budget: Bill reduced his budget from his original preliminary budget. Northwestern Energy will be going up again looking to add 32% to the budget for this upcoming FY. Black Mountain Software will be raising also.

Discussion concerning the town vehicles, the purchase of 4wheeler and the F250.

Jennifer Bailey is unsure about the loans and there was discussion concerning how many water/sewer loans the town is liable for. The town needs to have monies available for a year's worth of loan payments for each loan.

Discussion over the public works budget. They would like to have a bobcat instead of a backhoe. Curtis recommends a backhoe. Discussion about the price of a backhoe, Curtis priced backhoes, want to put in the budget for \$80,000. Curtis went over Public Works budget items and discussed what items are in need and not in need. Capital equipment that is needed are, a backhoe, air meters for lift station, lawnmower, tank mixer for a better quality of water, and a sander are items that are needed. If PW gets a bobcat, then the bobcat can use the street sweeper. Discussion continued with weeds at the lagoon ponds among other places. Curtis has offered his time to kill the weeds along with Jan.

There was discussion concerning raising tax mills for the sheriff dept, possibly fire dept, and government review. Discussion went on to the signpost at Main Street Park, and the contract needs to be more specific to contain the 1-foot square area where the post is at. Loans were looked over to make sure that there is enough money in the budget to cover.

Discussion concerning Madison Street in front of the school and the hospital. Possibly tearing up the road and leaving it a dirt road until the town is ready to repave the road. This will help with the potholes and possibly water runoff.

Discussion concerning the invoices for O'Keefe Drilling and not paying them without doing a negotiation because they didn't do the aquifer test for the 72 hours, only 8 hours was tested among other tasks that were not performed.

VFD=variable frequency drive

Adjourned at 8:13PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennifer Meacham