

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:

2008 Budget Hearing Continued from 11-5-07

Mayor Don Gregory opened the Budget Hearing. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Fatcher, Wheeler, and Karnofski.

City Staff present: City Manager Paul Brachvogel, Finance Director Brian Butterfield, Chief Wayne Nelson, Library Director Geraldine de Rooy, Engineer Sharon Zimmerman, and Deputy City Clerk Carol Bradbury.

Various Budgets were discussed:

Police – Wayne Nelson reviewed his budget. Increases in the budget are largely due to contract negotiations. The overtime budget went down, there are no increases in the training budget, and no new police officers have been added. Also discussed were the potential benefits of adding a Community Service Officer and moving Nuisance Abatement Officer Don Harris to an office at the Depot.

Public Works – David Sypher continued reviewing his budget.

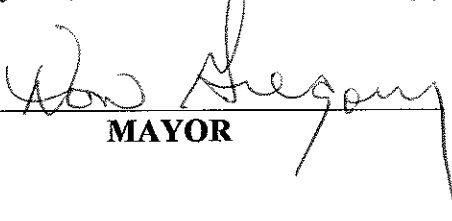
After hearing discussion from various department heads, it was the consensus of the Council to approve the budget as submitted with the following changes:

In lieu of hiring a civil engineer and engineering tech, it was the consensus of the Council to hire one senior engineer, promote one person from within the office, and hire a receptionist.

Other projects that were added to the budget were the Regional Transportation Plan, additional funding for the Street Overlay Program, and the Skateboard Park local match all being funded from general fund reserves. The Tam O'Shanter Parking Lot is being funded from the Stadium Fund via a loan from the general fund.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Gregory cancelled the November 8th Special Budget Meeting.

Upon motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK