

CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 16, 2017

The City Council of the City of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, met on February 16, 2017, at City Hall in regular session at 6:00 P.M. for a budget workshop. Mayor Chad D. Alleger called the meeting to order.

Present: Mayor Alleger; Councilors: Beiner, Burkett, Downey, and Engle. Council Kuecker Absent. Also in attendance: City Administrator Martin, City Clerk Kane, along with PFM Financial Advisors Susanne Gerlach and Matthew Stoffel.

Administrator Martin read her memo to Council.

The main change in this budget proposal is the reallocation of wages to individual departments based on the actual numbers. As such, you will note an increase in wages to the general fund in Parks, Streets, Cemetery and Policy/Administration.

The other change is an increased transfer to the Equipment Revolving Fund for Police, Fire and Ambulance. This request is in anticipation of the new radios that each department will need to purchase to be compatible with the changes being made at County level.

I am recommending that the City Council levy for Liability, Property and Self-insurance costs. You will see the impact on the overall tax rate is .0105 per thousand.

We are against a deadline to approve the Budget. Approval of the Budget will SET our tax asking, which is the main purpose of the Budget. I am recommending that we approve budget and SET our tax asking.

Once the Budget is SET, Council and I will have additional time to review all implications of the budget. I recommend that this review take place, and that if we find there is a need, we can amend later. I would like to schedule a meeting to review the details of the FY18 Budget. With spring break approaching we would be looking at the end of March.

Administrator Martin provided copies to the Council of the State of Iowa Certification report, including both revenue and expense forms. The completed State of Iowa Public Hearing Notice for March 8, 2017 was provided to council and once approved the notice will be forwarded the local newspaper.

Susanne Gerlach and Matthew Stoffel of PFM Financial Advisors presented the Council a detailed cash flow report of the City Utilities. Their increase recommendations of 3% sewer, 3% water and 7% solid waste were followed up with projections for future years. Discussion on a possible change in solid waste providers would be addressed in future months.

Council Beiner moved to approve the budget, seconded by Council Downey and on a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The State of Iowa Public Hearing Notice for March 8, 2017 will be forwarded the Prairie City News for February 23, 2017 paper.

The council requested a workshop to review the 2017-2018 budget in detail with possible amendments. This was set for Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Engle moved to adjourn the workshop at 7:15 p.m., Councilor Downey seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Kane
City Clerk