

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER  
COMMON COUNCIL  
SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1314 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
Tuesday June 8, 2021 5:00 P.M.

CALL THE WORK SESSION TO ORDER: Mayor Bonds calls the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Mayor Bonds, Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Member De Leon, Council Member Shontz, Council Member Savino, Absent Council Member Hartless, Absent Council Member Lucas

Staff Present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Community Development Director Nora Yackley, Chief of Police Michael Bailey, Library Manager Tracy McConnell, Director of Public Works Steve Ziegler, TOP Community Health Outreach Program Director Lee Ann Anderson

PURPOSE:

1. Discussion

Re: Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget

Lori Wedemeyer, Town Manager

*Mayor Bonds opens the floor for discussion. Town Manager Wedemeyer provides an overview of the materials that have been provided. She begins with the Community Partners agreements and notes that the only requests that we have received are for the Chamber of Commerce and for the Passport. Council Member Shontz asks how people knew when or how to submit a request. Town Manager Wedemeyer notes that she contacts the same people every year and these were the only two responses. The Chamber of Commerce \$52,000. It is noted that the amount for funding will stay the same with the ability to bring back requests to council for further approval. Town Manager Wedemeyer notes the Passport has also requested funds and notes that they are an entity of the EDC and we have not received any financial statements from them since December of 2020. They are asking for a \$500 increase. Vice mayor Hooper questions EDC involvement in the Passport, he asks where the money goes to. It goes to the EDC where it's held in a separate account from what Town Manager Wedemeyer understands. It is noted that the EDC is just a fiscal pass-through as they hold a 501c3. Mayor Bonds doesn't feel a \$500 increase is very much and notes the additional coverage we will be seeing this year with expanded areas. Discussion continues regarding the Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Savino expresses his concerns with the amount of funding that the county provides to tourism services. He feels the county doesn't fund as much*

as they should. Leaving the town to foot the bill. He would like to encourage them to want to do more. He notes that he's very satisfied with the job that Melissa is doing at the chamber. The group agrees that they're good at budgeting for \$48,000 and bringing the chamber back for additional requests if needed. Town Manager Wedemeyer moves on to the capital projects budget. She notes the savings in the general fund, HURF revenues are less by about \$64,000. Town Manager Wedemeyer notes that she's looking for additional funds for a pool and looking for additional funds to fix the roof at the jail. Vice Mayor Hooper asks about the repairs that are budgeted for the women's restroom at city park. Director of Public Works Steve Ziegler notes that even if we cancel the lease he believes that we will have to fix the vandalism. Vice Mayor Hooper also asks about the street sweeper. Steve notes that was just for a kick broom this will be for an overhaul or replacement of the street sweeper itself. Steve notes that he would like to purchase a street sweeper that's actually a vacuum system they are more efficient and less costly to fix, he feels they would get more use out of it. The current sweeper is at least 20 years old. Use of HURF funds is discussed. It is noted that salaries will be discussed in the next work session. Water funds and grants are discussed. Steve notes there will be CDBG SSP funds available this year. They are looking to replace infrastructure and update equipment. Life expectancy has been reached on many items. It is noted that meters would be replaced if funds would be received, there are still 591 manual read meters in town. The radio read meters are much more efficient and will save money. Water lines are discussed. The majority of lines are PVC; there are a few pockets of galvanized. When there is an issue they will be replaced. Council Member Shontz asks about a water rate study. Steve notes that a new study will be conducted this year. Steve reviews the rest of the priority list for Public Works. Town Manager Wedmeyer moves on to other possible grant funding. The pool is discussed as well as possibly reworking Western Park in order to accommodate an additional ball field. Town Manager Wedemeyer moves on to technology for Council members. The pros and cons of I-Pads versus Chromebooks are discussed. It is noted that the council has had tablets in the past and training for I-Pads may be an issue. Town Clerk Putnam notes the additional capabilities with the Chromebooks, she notes her lack of knowledge of using I-Pads and what its capabilities are. It is noted that the schools are all moving to chromebooks. Town Manager Wedmeyer moves on to the General Fund revenues, noting that projected revenues will be about 4.5 million. She notes the different use fees and how they affected the revenues while we were closed for COVID. She anticipates those will go up. Franchise fees are discussed. Permit fees are expected to rise again as building material decreases in price. The next worksession schedule is discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Bonds adjourns the meeting at 6:37 PM

Approve

  
Karen Bonds, Mayor

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