Roll Call

Chairman, Mark Holden
Chris Besescheck
Judson Crawford (excused)
Faith Hack
Charlotte Madar
John Zikaras

Others Present

Chairman Holden reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. He indicated that Judson Crawford will continue to be excused from the Budget Workshops due to work conflicts.

Chairman Holden began the discussion with possibilities for funding the EMS Account #001-2100-513.30-32 for Bundle Billing. As an active member of EMS for over 20 years, John Zikaras provided an overview of the procedures involved with Echo Hose and VEMS for senior patient transport and billing.

There was a discussion regarding the BOE and Faith Hack indicated that she contacted the Superintendent of Schools regarding the accreditation, tutors, media specialists, Media Center hours, and guidance counselors.

Chairman Holden indicated that he would like to table the discussions on Bundle Billing and the BOE until discussing other line items. He stated that at the end of last evening’s meeting that had increased the spending by $32,566. He added that a large amount of that is for the Fire Department in the amount of approx. $25,000.

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES -3200
Account #001-3200-712.10-01   Regular Payroll
Charlotte Madar motioned to increase Account #001-3200-712.10-01 Regular Payroll by $27,605 to $1,744,965 to meet contractual obligations. Chris Besescheck seconds. A voice vote is taken. Motion passes (5-0).

**TAX COLLECTOR - 5400**

Account #001-5400-412.30-46 DMV Delinquencies

Faith Hack motions to increase Account #001-5400-412.30-46 DMV Delinquencies by $1,800 to $9,400. John Zikaras seconds. A voice vote is taken. Motion passes (5-0).

This increase is due to a State increase as indicated by the Department Head during the interview process.

**MISCELLANEOUS -6100**

There was a discussion to increase the Account #001-6100-411.01-22 Anti-Blight Program from $1000 to $2000 as requested by Alderman McPherson. No vote was taken.

Additional discussion took place regarding Account #001-6100-624.79-21 Youth Programs and Account #001-6100-951.80-36 Instruction Books Supply.

End of Tape 1A 7:25 p.m.

**CAPITAL SPENDING**

**LOCIP**

Chairman Holden stated that they are supposed to have approx. $599,000 available. There was discussion about making recommendations for the funds to be used for Fire Department projects such as communications and floor repairs which have become a safety issue. They reviewed the projects that would and would not be eligible for the LOCIP funds.

Other accounts discussed included:
Account 001-2500-511.40-59 Police Department Communications Replacement
Account 001-6300-991.60-19 Capital Spending – Vehicle/Equipment Purchase (police cars)

**OUTSIDE AGENCIES -6500**

Account #001-6500-414.79-13 Valley Council of Governments

Chris Besescheck motions to decrease Account #001-6500-414.79-13 Valley Council of Governments by $26,074 to $18,000. Faith Hack seconds. A voice vote is taken. Motion passes (5-0).

Account #001-6500-414.81-25 Barnum Festival Program
Charlotte Madar motions to decrease Account #001-6500-414.81-25 Barnum Festival Program by $2,000 to $500. Chris Besescheck seconds. A voice vote is taken. Motion passes (5-0).

Account #001-6500-414.81-30 Girl Scouts of America

Chris Besescheck motions to decrease Account #001-6500-414.81-30 Girl Scouts by $4,500 to $500 due to historical spending which shows the funds are not used. Faith Hack seconds. A voice vote is taken. Motion passes (4-1). John Zikaras votes in opposition.

Chairman Holden that at this point they were $29,397 above the Mayor’s recommendation for spending.

INCOME ACCOUNT
Account #001-0000-341.18-00 P&Z Commission Receipts

Chris Besescheck motions to increase Account #001-0000-341.18-00 by $11,768 to $38,650. Faith Hack seconds. A voice vote is taken. Motion passes (5-0).

The $10,000 increase is for revenue projections made by the Department Head during interview process and the $1,768 increase is to correct a mathematical error in that line item.)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board resumed the discussion about funding for the BOE to retain tutors. Chairman Holden suggested that they have something regarding this be in the Board of A&T commentary to the BOE rather than in their recommended budget.

Account #001-4100-011.80-34
Chris Besescheck motioned to make a recommendation to the BOA to roll forward leftover funds from the current fiscal year’s City Unemployment Funds to cover up to $452,000 of additional requested restoration of funds for the Superintendent of Education’s request. Faith Hack seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion passes (5-0).

End of Tape 1B 8:15 p.m.

Chairman Holden indicated that they still needed to discuss EMS Bundle Billing and there are a couple of items that he needs to check with Mayor Lauretti on.

Chairman Holden recessed the meeting at 8:25 p.m. He stated that they would reconvene on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Room #104.

Respectfully submitted,
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Clerk, Board of Apportionment and Taxation
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