

Ely City Council Special Meeting October 27, 2009

The Ely City Council special meeting was called to order by Mayor Skraba at 6:00 p.m. on October 27, 2009 at the Joint Maintenance/Public Works Facility.

PRESENT: Council members Debeltz, Nikkola, Omerza, Salerno, Sheddy, Zupec and Mayor Skraba (7)

The purpose of the meeting was to review proposed amendments to the 2009 general fund and library budgets which were presented to the council in September and to review the proposed 2010 general fund and library budgets.

BUDGETS

The council reviewed the following budget committee recommendations for balancing the 2010 general fund budget:

	CHANGE	CHANGE
	FROM	TO
REVENUE CHANGES:		
1. 101-41970-36620 Old City Garage - Rent changed	\$15,000	\$10,000
2. 101-43240-34953 Sanitation/Recycling - Sale of Cardboard	\$ 600	\$ 0
3. 101-49010-34940 Cemetery Revenue	\$14,000	\$16,000
 EXPENDITURE CHANGES:		
1. 101-41110-439 Mayor/Council – Publishing	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,800
2. 101-41940-520 City Hall – Capital Improvements Bldg	\$38,000	\$ 8,000
3. 101-41970-381 Old City Garage – Electricity	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,100
4. 101-41970-384 Old City Garage – Heating	\$15,000	\$ 0
5. 101-42100-531 Police – Capital Equipment	\$28,500	\$17,300
6. 101-42200-309 Fire – Computer Maintenance	\$ 1,600	\$ 800
7. 101-42200-310 Fire – Maintenance Agreement	\$ 3,500	\$ 0
8. 101-42500-202 Civil Defense – General Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 0
9. 101-42500-331 Civil Defense – Travel/Training	\$ 500	\$ 0
10. 101-42500-404 Civil Defense – Repairs/Equipment	\$ 200	\$ 0
11. 101-42500-433 Civil Defense – Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 200	\$ 0
12. 101-42500-439 Civil Defense – Publishing	\$ 100	\$ 0
13. 101-43100-384 Public Works – Refuse/Garbage Disposal	\$50,000	\$25,231*
14. 101-43240-381 Sanitation/Recycling – Electricity	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,200
15. 101-43240-384 Sanitation/Recycling – Refuse/Garbage Disposal	\$ 2,000	\$ 750
16. 101-43240-520 Sanitation/Recycling – Building/Structure	\$15,000	\$ 0 **
17. 101-45120-200 4 th of July – Office Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,000
18. 101-45121-404 Softball Complex – Repairs/Equipment	\$ 1,800	\$ 500
19. 101-46501-106 Joint Powers – Monthly Fees Contract	\$50,000	\$25,000
20. 101-46502-106 ECR – Monthly Fees Contract	\$13,260	\$ 6,630
21. 101-49010-103 Cemetery – Part Time Employees	\$ 5,000	\$ 0***

*The preliminary budget included \$50,000 for estimated clean up costs at the old recycling center/city garage. The city recently received a \$45,000 IRR grant to assist with the cost of the clean up at the site.

**The preliminary budget included \$15,000 for a building to house the cardboard crusher at the new recycling facility.

***The preliminary budget included wages for part time cemetery employees to be paid out of the general fund; the change suggested is to pay the wages from the beautification fund instead.

The Council discussed the following items: the purchase of a new squad car in 2010; possibility paying the prizes for the 4th of July float contest in the form of Chamber Bucks; review of all city licenses, fees and leases; the option of an early retirement package for eligible city employees; the Civil enforcement/P & Z/Web Admin position being FT vs. PT and possibly blending it with other jobs in the city if other employees opt for early retirement; potentially contracting for the Assistant Treasurer position.

The budget committee was directed to hold another meeting to consider recommendations from the council on funding options for ECR and EADA budgets and present those recommendations to the council at the November study session.

The council requested the clerk prepare a report of overtime earned in 2008 vs. 2009 and the bond payment schedule for their review at the next meeting.

Mayor Skraba suggested council members complete the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training.

Director Langowski will schedule a meeting with Terry Soderberg and his supervisor to discuss the city's recycling program.

NEW BUSINESS

The employee relations committee met and reviewed the hiring/testing/job classifications for the clerical assistant and assistant treasurer positions. Clerk Boese requested council members review the hiring policy for any changes that need to be made and turn them in by Friday so the City Attorney can review and present a final draft at the next regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The council discussed various options of remodeling current buildings and possible locations of new building along with costs.

Moved by Salerno supported by Debeltz to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. Motion carried unanimously.

Terri Boese
Clerk/Treasurer