

AGENDA
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018
CITY HALL

Mayor Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor George Wimmer, Council Members: Paul Bergley, Dan Collison, Ross Lorinser and Steve Lundeen

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, Human Resources/City Clerk Katie Brooks, Finance Director Mike Betker, Public Service Director/Assistant City Administrator Josi Wood, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, City Attorney Clark Joslin

Finance Director Mike Betker began by saying if there are any questions about any aspect of the budget even if it is otherwise off topic please feel free to interrupt. He continued by saying in an effort to be respectful of the council's time, he wouldn't go through the budget line by line or read any of the memos that the Councilmembers had in front of them.

Regarding General Fund Budget Updates:

Mr. Betker said the only General Fund Budget updates related to the recently filled Maintenance Tech II position and a downward revision in the total number of linear feet of fencing to be installed at River Bluff Preserve.

Regarding Preliminary Budgets for the enterprise funds:

Mr. Betker continued by saying the base assumptions regarding wages and employer paid insurances are the same as those of the General Fund which we reviewed at the last budget workshop.

Mr. Betker added that within the Water Fund there are no major changes from the 2018 budget. The year over year increase in operating expenses is budgeted at 1.82%

Mr. Betker reported that within the Sewer Fund the most significant change is the end of a PFA forgivable loan. The loan obligation and the loan forgiveness were represented as both an expense and revenue in previous budgets. For 2019 both sides of that transaction have been eliminated. Leading to reduced revenues and expenditures in 2019 compared to 2018.

Mr. Betker explained that within the Storm Water Fund, year over year operating expenses are budgeted to decrease by 1.11%

Liquor fund again has budgeted transfer of 350k. This helps to reduce the tax levy.

Regarding Capital Outlay Requests:

Mr. Betker acknowledged that the proposed list of capital outlay expenditures is the result of many meetings with department heads and the Finance Committee. In addition to a 10% drop in the tax rate nearly every capital outlay request was funded.

Mr. Betker continued on Regarding Reserve funding we will be putting 29k aside in 2019. 15k for future dog park development and 14k for playground equipment improvements at Bluebird Park.

Mr. Betker concluded that the council had a complete copy of the 2019 Preliminary budget in your packet for your review. The Council may choose to make changes to the budget between now and December and the Preliminary Levy will be set at the Council's first meeting in September

With that, I would be happy to field any questions that you may have.

Mayor Wimmer added that the Tuesday, August 21st, 2018 Work Session meeting was not necessary.

Adjournment

Motion by Lorinser, second by Bergley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Budget Work Session adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Jaden Moore

Administrative Data Clerk