

The Committee expressed concerns about taking mills away from General Fund. The Committee talked about the ambulance personnel hired and the costs associated with them. The Committee asked if AMR was involved with the staffing. The Mayor explained all the full-time ambulance personnel are City Staff, and not associated with AMR. He further explained that all costs associated with the Ambulance Department was the responsibility of the City. The Committee asked how the Ambulance Department budget was doing. The Clerk/Treasurer explained the Ambulance Department had not adjusted their budget, per the Mayor's memo. The Committee asked about the safety mill levy. The Mayor explained the safety mill levy was still being talked about by the Emergency Services Committee. He stated the likelihood of the safety mill levy being passed during this budget cycle was slim. He explained the process of getting the mill levy on a ballot and the timing. The Committee asked if the Emergency Services Committee felt the mill levy would pass. The Mayor stated the Emergency Services Committee felt the safety mill levy would be passed by the community, as they are very supportive of our First Responders. The Mayor stated there are no hard numbers ready to be talked about yet.

The Committee talked about the three enterprise funds, and how they are doing financially. The Clerk/Treasurer stated the City Mechanic and Public Works Superintendent were going to attend the July 14th Budget and Finance Committee meeting to talk about the garbage trucks. She stated one of the trucks caught fire, and the newest one had a transmission failure. The transmission failure seems to be covered under warranty. The Mayor stated the Solid Waste funds needs money for a new trash truck, however there is no way to currently save money for one. The expenditures for the Solid Waste Fund exceed the revenues generated. The amount of money being paid for the Billings landfill is increasing. The Committee agreed that a conversation regarding increasing the Solid Waste fees needed to happen with full Council. The Clerk/Treasurer stated the Solid Waste Fund needed a mechanism to save for replacement of equipment. She stated that both the Water and Sewer Funds had these mechanisms but for some reason Solid Waste does not. The Committee asked how this type of mechanism would be put into place. The Clerk/Treasurer stated it would need to be a resolution passed by Council directing the Mayor and/or Clerk/Treasurer to begin putting X amount of money into a replacement and depreciation cash account. The Mayor stated the Water Department is going to need to repaint the water tower this next fiscal year.

The Committee asked about the Planning Fund and what the Mayor was going to do to fix the cash deficit. The Clerk/Treasurer explained the Planning Director increased most of the fees associated with the Planning Department. She stated this should help with the cash deficit. The Mayor stated the Planning Department has been utilizing KLJ for assistance, for the Growth Management Plan, and this has increased the amount of expenditures for the year.

The Committee asked about the General Fund Budget. The Clerk/Treasurer stated she is very concerned about the upcoming two fiscal years. She stated COVID-19 is going to have future effects on the revenues of the entire State. She stated she is concerned with the decrease in interest revenues, and the future of Gas Tax, Gambling, Entitlement Share, and Grant revenues. She stated she is also concerned about the future of Unemployment rates. The Clerk/Treasurer also stated she is trying to keep as much cash in General Fund as possible. She talked with the Mayor and they both agree to not transfer Capital Improvement funds out of General Fund for this next budget. The Clerk/Treasurer state she wants the money to stay in General Fund just in case it is needed there. The Committee asked if all the

departments have held their budgets according to the Mayor's request. The Clerk/Treasurer stated the Fire Department budget was increased but that has been rectified. The Mayor stated the Courts could potentially need additional funding to attend a training session. They are getting a new Enterprise System, and the training is scheduled to take place in New Orleans. The Committee asked how any reductions to the tax revenues would affect the overall budget. The Clerk/Treasurer stated any decrease to tax revenue would cause a need to a decrease in appropriations. She stated the budgets will increase due to wage increases. The Committee commented the taxable values will determine a lot.

Announcements –

- The next Budget and Finance Meeting will be held on Tuesday July 14, 2020 at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.