

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015; 5:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

Presiding: Mayor Louis J. Magdits, IV

Council Members in Attendance: Jonathan Hines, Matthew Crowell, Matthew Miller, Kelly Long, Susan J. Eudaly, Don Morris, John Meusch, Jim Williams, Brian Woolley, and Walt Bowe

Council Members Absent: Monty Jordan and Steven Jung

Department Directors in Attendance: Interim Fire Chief Ron Smith, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Ken Kwantes, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Public Works Director Steve Hargis, and Finance Director Steffanie Rogers

Other City Officials in Attendance: City Administrator John Butz and City Clerk Carol Daniels

Mayor Louis J. Magdits IV called the Fiscal Year 2016 budget workshop to order at approximately 5:45 p.m. and then turned the floor over to City Administrator John Butz.

(A) Complete Review of Proposed FY 2015/2016 Budget: Mr. Butz noted the proposed fiscal year 2015/2016 budget, which begins October 1, 2015, represents a total yearly program of \$28,427,448 offset by anticipated revenues of \$26,522,290. The \$1.9 million deficit is made up from the balance of the \$3 million street improvement financing in 2015.

Mr. Butz provided an overview of the City's proposed General Fund, by reviewing each department/division. With the 2% drop in the Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) retirement expense, he indicated it would allow for better pay for City employees. Mr. Butz said staff is recommending a 2% cost of living adjustment plus an increment increase of 1% or 2% for qualifying employees (3.5% average).

Much discussion ensued regarding the City's contribution to the Rolla Regional Economic Commission (RREC) and what the City was getting for this money. Mr. Butz indicated RREC Executive Director Cyndra Lorey would provide more information to the Council on what the RREC provides during an upcoming meeting.

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(A) Complete Review of Proposed FY 2015/2016 Budget (continued): Mr. Butz then provided an overview of the proposed budgets for the Sewer, Environmental Services, Airport, Cemetery, Street/Capital Improvement Funds.

Regarding the Recreation Center Fund, Mr. Butz noted the Reserve Fund would be depleted within seven years.

Mr. Butz noted Mr. Jim Fiscus, representing the local AARP, is in attendance to ask the Council to reconsider charging them, as senior citizens, for use of the Eugene E. Northern Community Hall. After some discussion regarding both senior citizen and youth fees, Mayor Magdits suggested a listing of all user fees charged be presented at a future Council meeting for discussion.

Mr. Butz then touched on the Employee Turnover Analysis data and employee pay adjustments over the past six years.

Mr. Butz called the Council's attention to the personnel charts. He said the reclassification of some positions, such as police sergeants, have been built into the proposed budget.

Mr. Butz then briefed the Council on the City's current debt service schedule.

Mr. Butz informed the Council a public hearing regarding the proposed budget is scheduled for the September 8, 2015, Council meeting, as well as the first reading of the ordinance adopting the budget. The final reading of the ordinance, which would adopt the proposed budget, would be considered during the Council's September 21, 2015, meeting. The FY 2015/2016 budget would take effect October 1, 2015.

(B) Adjournment: Having no further business, the workshop adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Carol Daniels.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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