

COMMON COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING
JULY 25, 2016
5:30 PM

Mayor Shane Evans opened the meeting.


The budget for the airport had been received and after a review and discussion, Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the budget for the airport for 2017. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (4-0)

Colin Deckard and Alex Parkinson were recognized from the floor and asked for their input. Both officers agreed to the safety need for another officer. Each stressed the importance of having back up for emergency situations and each felt an officer on duty by himself is in a vulnerable position. Justin Wilson joined the meeting and stated in order to give the protection and safety to our community, proper staff and equipment is vital. Dale Seward questioned the officers on several issues. One, does the department have a designated investigator and was told they did not. Dale questioned training hours and was told 24 hours is mandatory. Dale questioned procedure for backing up the county and was told it was at their discretion. Dale also asked about their exercise program. It was explained it was allowed to use 1 hour of shift time for exercise. Dale questioned the hours of Chief Mullin and was explained he was salary. The council members thanked the officers for their information and suggestions.

The council discussion led to the rejection of another patrolman for the police department. It was also determined to add another \$10,000 to the line item for purchasing another vehicle. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the adjusted police budget. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (4-0)

A discussion on the proposed salary changes to the Council, BOW, Area Plan with rate increases of almost 10% to 50% was rejected. The council members did not feel comfortable taking more of a raise than offered to the staff. It was determined that all raises would be at the 2% level.

All other changes to the budget for 2017 met with approval of the council and final vote would happen after advertising the budget and the public hearing.



Mayor Shane Evans



Carolyn Pearson

Richard Traeger



Dale Seward

Mike Shockley