

CITY OF BURTON
COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
MAY 12, 2010, 3:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Mr. Martinbianco called the Meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Haskins, Martinbianco, Wells, Smith, Zelenko, Heffner and Ellenburg.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Halstead, Mayor Smiley, J. Benthall, K. Foster, J. Johnson, M. Udell and M. Snow.

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: COUNCIL WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED
2010-2011 CITY OF BURTON BUDGETS, AS FOLLOWS:**

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| 1. Self-Insurance Fund | 4. Police |
| 2. Information Technology | 5. Fire |
| 3. Senior Citizens | |

Presentation and Discussion
Senior Citizens Page 17 & 18

Mrs. Foster said this department shows a decrease of 2.16%, or \$7,752. She was hopeful to get approved for another round of millage in September and will incorporate that into the budget.

Mrs. Johnson said the Senior Center is staying the course. Social Services have increased and are providing many people with medical and food assistance.

Mrs. Ellenburg asked if the Center is using efficient light bulbs and maybe they could look into a grant for a more efficient furnace.

Mrs. Johnson said they have been using fluorescent bulbs for about 3 years. They turn the heat down and electricity off whenever possible.

Presentation and Discussion
Self-Insurance Fund Page 42

This Healthcare Savings budget reflects an increase of 3.31% or \$32,945. There is a savings due to the new healthcare in which 83 employees, including some of their family members are utilizing.

Presentation and Discussion
Fire Page 27

There is a decrease of 19.23% or \$159,458. There was a vehicle lease expense of \$52,000 per year and the elimination of 1 position in salaries permanent.

Mr. Smith asked the type of vehicle being lease.

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Chief Halstead said there is 2 fire trucks at about 10 years old.

Mr. Heffner asked if the cutters the department uses are budgeted for. Chief Halstead replied they are not. The department needs 3 of them, one for each Fire department within the City in order to reach victims quickly. The cutters are not used often, but need to be available in case.

Mr. Martinbianco thought the police should have the cutters since they are on the scene first.

Chief Halstead said it is quite a procedure, which takes an entire crew to handle, not just one person.

Mr. Martinbianco asked what the department will be doing for the millage. Chief Halstead said the crew would go door to door to brief residents on the importance of the millage.

Presentation and Discussion

Police Page 13 & 14

Mrs. Foster noted a 9.37% or \$448,280 decrease in this budget. 5 employees retired whose position will not be filled and 2 positions are eliminated.

Chief Benthall lost 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant, and 3 patrolmen, which will not be replaced. He will do his best to keep the same amount of officers on the streets. The SWAT team is on hold and only the on duty officer can take a patrol car home. He said the department received a \$17,000 grant and is expecting \$14,000 more from JAG. The center of Back to the Bricks will be at the Hamilton Building, will include vendors and only allow the spectators to turn right onto Saginaw St.

Mayor Smiley said he and POAM came to an agreement, preventing the layoff of 2 employees.

Mr. Haskins inquired as to how much the police dog costs per year. If having a canine is expensive, he would rather have an officer back at Courtland Center than a canine on the force.

Chief Benthall said the K-9 is used for finding drugs and can find things and go where the officers sometimes cannot.

Presentation and Discussion

Information Technology Page 43

Mrs. Foster noted an increase of 1.2% or \$3,425.

Mr. Udell said his department is status quo. He has upgraded the website information, made online payments for residents available and performed maintenance on current equipment.

Mr. Heffner asked if any email licenses are available so the council could utilize them. He wants a website with Council emails up soon. It should be made a priority.

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Mr. Udell said we are over on licenses as it is. He could look into offsite hosting and estimates the cost at about \$12.89 per user per month.

Mrs. Zelenko suggested a much less expenses page including Board members and ways to contact them. Mr. Udell said it would be easy to add and most of the info is in the Resident Package.

Mayor Smiley said emails through the City and internet files are subject to FOIA.

Mr. Smith asked who takes Mr. Udell's place if he is unavailable. Mr. Udell said the City bought a block of time with Mr. Matter. There is a few hours left. Other than Mr. Udell, there is no one else.

Mr. Haskins said if the Council website is going to be too expensive, the Council may need to rethink having one or help pay out of their own salaries.

Mr. Heffner asked if there is money budgeted for the Council website. Mr. Udell said there is not. His budget is at the same or below last years. To redo the entire website would be at least \$10,000.

Mr. Martinbianco expected Budget amendments to be brought forth by Tuesday, May 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

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