

WOODS CROSS CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING
MAY 28, 2009
6:30 P.M.

The Woods Cross City Council Work Session held May 28, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Woods Cross City Hall, 1555 South 800 West, Woods Cross, Utah .

CONDUCTING:

Mayor Kent Parry

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kent Parry, Mayor
Jill Evans
Rick Earnshaw

David C. Hill
Jon Hadlow

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Tamy Dayley

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary Uresk, City Administrator and Budget Officer
Tim Stephens, Community Development Director
Paul Howard, Chief of Police
Scott Anderson, Public Works Director

VISITORS:

None

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance and stated this is a work meeting, notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was sent to local newspapers and provided to each of the City Council members prior to the meeting.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET

The City's Budget Officer led the discussion and the City Council discussed the City's Fiscal Year 2010 tentative budget as outlined below. The Budget Officer reviewed the City's trend in lower revenues from services and outside tax collections.

Employee Wages & Benefits

1. No Merit & COLA increases
2. 9% Medical Insurance Premium Increase – Covered by the City
3. 2% (5,000) Increase in Retirement Costs – Covered by the City
4. Additional Police Officer (Sept 09) Covered through COPS Grant (55,000)

Specific Cuts

Legislative

1. Training \$ 6,000
2. Bountiful Davis Arts Center \$ 1,500
3. Employee Appreciation Dinner \$ 2,500
4. Miscellaneous Services \$ 3,500

Judicial

1. Miscellaneous \$ 1,000

Administration

1. Training \$ 2,700
2. Bonuses \$ 8,400

Data Processing

1. Network Support \$10,000

City Hall

1. Custodial Service \$ 6,000

Community Development

1. Intern \$ 3,000

Police

1. Overtime \$11,000
2. Warrant Service Overtime \$ 8,000
3. Training \$ 2,000
4. Equipment Operations \$11,000
5. Professional & Technical \$ 3,500
6. Equipment \$29,000

Building Inspection

1. Building Inspections \$67,000

Volunteer Services

1. Entire Budget \$ 1,000

Streets

1. Budget moved to Class C. \$163,300

Shop

1. Miscellaneous \$ 1,000

Parks

1. Temporary Wages \$19,000
2. Building & Grounds Maintenance \$ 4,000
3. Equipment \$20,000

Recreation

1. Memorial Day Celebration \$ 8,000

Class C Fund

- Moved Street Department expenditures into this fund
- No capital improvements (street projects) this year
- Revenues anticipated to be lower than last year

Park Development Fund

- Sizable fund balance (280,000)
- Revenues will be down this year due to slow down in building
- Combine revenues with RAP Tax funds to build Power Line Park

Capital Improvement Fund

- Current Balance \$2,787,000
- FY 2009 Expenditures
 - > \$1,225,000 for Shop Property
 - > \$ 700,000 for 500 South Storm Drain
 - > \$ 400,000 2009 Capital Projects
- Balance for FY 2010 = \$500,000

Water Fund

- Revenue shortfall of \$234,000
- Cash flow shortfall of \$35,000
- Valentine water purchase will occur in FY 2010 @ \$300,000
- Need to increase revenues later part of FY 2010 or first part of FY 2011

Water Impact Fee Fund

- Lower revenues this year due to slow down in building
- Bond projects on schedule and within budget – should be complete by end of FY 2010

Garbage Fund

- Fund in good financial shape
- Deficit of \$27,000 this year
- Fund Balance = \$81,722
- No fee increase needed this year
- May want to look at a small one in FY 2011 to keep up with cost of living adjustments given to the hauler

Storm Drain Fund

- Will need to borrow \$700,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for the 500 South Storm Drain improvements
- Need to look at fee increase later part of FY 2010 or first part of 2011

Storm Drain Impact Fee Fund

- Revenues lower this year due to slow down in building
- Currently owes the Capital Improvement Fund \$192,000
- Fund balance is only \$100,000
- Ability to build needed projects is limited

The City Administrator then called on his department heads to discuss with the Council their proposed budgets for the coming year.

The Community Development Director reviewed the cuts in his department and the indications of increase of revenues coming in development within the City. In addition the Community Development Director is over the maintenance of the City Hall. The custodial service will be discontinued and the employees will be asked to clean and maintain the City Hall.

The Chief of Police discussed how his department understands the economic situation of the City and the cuts in expenditures and no pay increases but moral of the department is centered on the possibility of losing one police officer position if the applied for grant is not received. He continued by reviewing the cuts in his department and how they will be handled. The Council expressed support of the department to see that all other avenues open to them would be used before any reduction in police officers would occur.

The Public Works Director then reviewed the cuts in his department and the effect it will have on the City's services in parks, roadways, water department and other areas. He stated that the department employees will help in other public work departments to get the job done. In addition he discussed other sources of funding which have been or will be applied for to help the City maintain its infrastructure.

The relocation of the City shops and the purchase of property for the relocation were discussed as well as citizen involvement in maintaining City parks and doing community watch to assist in police patrol and protection.

The floor was given to Council Member Evans who expressed concern about the higher than average salaries of the City Administrator, Police Chief, Public Works Director and Community Development Director. She presented a chart comparing City salaries for these positions with other cities of similar size. In addition she stated that our City Administrator and Public Works Director both have vehicles that the City provides for them and not providing a vehicle to drive home every night with the cost of gas and insurance could also cut costs. She said these employees do an excellent job for the City but she wanted the Council to be aware of these higher salaries being paid and then take this into account if lay offs of City employees be warranted in the future. She suggested reducing these higher paid employee salaries in order not to have to lay off other City employees.

The Council felt it would be better to compare salary ranges for job position and years served in those positions to other cities having similar demographics to the City of Woods Cross. It was thought by doing this comparison that the Council could do a better review of where the City is to those cities on the Wasatch Front as it competes for its employees.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 P.M. the Council concluded the work session with a motion by Council Member Earnshaw to adjourn. Council Member Hill seconded the motion and all voted for the motion through roll call vote.

Kent Parry, Mayor

Alan T. Low, Recorder