

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
MID-YEAR BUDGET SESSION
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020
4:00 P.M.**

The Mid-Year Budget Session was called to order by Mayor Terry W. Briggs, in the Council Chambers at City Hall on July 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Grimmer, Hein, Luke, Norris, Purcell, Saettele, Zimmer

Absent: Abram

The Mayor noted a quorum present.

Mr. Bookout noted this mid-year budget session will be different than those previously held by Council as the COVID-19 virus has caused expenditures and revenues to be unstable.

He noted the revenue activity will be discussed, followed by expenditures and then department reports will be given.

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

Christine Bodus, Finance Officer, gave a brief report on the General Fund Balance Sheet through June 3, 2020.

The estimated revenue for 2020 is \$17,376,400.00. The year-to-date balance is \$7,189,728.99, or 41.28 percent received for the year.

GOVERNMENT CENTER/PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Gunn discussed two items under Government Center and several under Public Works.

Under Government Center he listed Computer Server Replacement (3 of 4) and VMWARE License/Support.

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Under Public Works he discussed Salt Dome Re-Roofing and Shingles, Accela permitting Software Upgrade for Windows 10, Council Chambers Dais, City Hall Security Camera System Upgrade and H&G Schultz Door Upgrade Building Security (Doors/Hardware/Program) as well as many others.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mrs. Vicki Meyer, in Mr. Kane's absence, read a report from the Parks and Recreation Department including 2020 budget items struck because of COVID-19.

Several items were listed totaling \$240,000 compared to \$299,238 in 2020 budget.

Budget items for 2020 that were struck from the budget due to COVID were listed, i.e. BMAC Security Cameras (Parking Lots), Grants, and salaries that need to be adjusted due to minimum wage set to increase to \$10.30 (which must be done through 2023, topping out at \$12.00).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Hood gave a year-to-date expenditure update for the fiscal year 2020 as follows:

As of June 30th, 2020, \$217,095.49 was spent or 43% of the budget.

In order to avoid additional costs, other equipment items were purchased using Asset Forfeiture. As of July 15th the department had spent \$36,045, but that does not include Body Worn Cameras (\$53,000) and an estimated additional \$12,000 to years end.

For the fiscal year 2021, they anticipate the following expenditures. Under Capital Improvements they are requesting four marked police vehicles at an estimated cost of \$160,000. Two vehicles were not purchased in 2020.

Relative to expenditures, Mayor Briggs stated that he would not recommend going with LAGERS this year as the estimated cost is \$378,000.

St. Louis County did receive \$178,000,000 and the St. Louis County Executive has said he has set aside \$47,000,000 for municipalities for emergency services, i.e. police/fire departments.

However, he will not do anything until after the election. Bridgeton would hope to get \$500,000 sometime after the April 2021 election.

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A brief discussion was held on cutting the senior citizen utility tax rebate.

Several Council members asked for the administration to develop a list of potential cost-saving measures the City could take to reduce expenditures. The list should include items such as park closures and personnel reductions. Mayor Briggs stated administration would begin the process of putting together such a list, as has been done in previous fiscal years, but no commitment would be made on taking any action on any item or items on the list.

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Grimmer, for adjournment. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk