

Special Meeting

July 27, 2015 6:00 p.m.

City of Oswego, Kansas

Present: Councilmembers Bill Owens, Jane Rea, Caleb Strickland, Darren Tynan, Kelly Vance and David Newby with Mayor Bill Cunningham presiding.

Also Present: City Clerk Carol Eddington, City Superintendent Calvin Jurgensen, Police Chief George Elliott, Fire Chief John Strickland, Deputy Clerk Renee Cochran and Paula Kern.

Executive Session

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and requested the Council go in to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Owens made a motion and Tynan seconded to go in to executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Mayor, Council, Supt. Jurgensen and Clerk Eddington in attendance. Motion carried.

Council returned at 6:22pm. Tynan made a motion and Strickland seconded to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes with the Mayor, Council, City Superintendent, City Clerk and Police Chief in attendance. Motion carried. The Council returned and meeting resumed at 6:37pm.

2016 Proposed Budget

The meeting was called to continue discussion on the budget. Clerk Eddington stated that the Council needed to let her know what changes they would like to make so that she could have the changes completed for the regular Council Meeting on August 10th. At that time the Council will need to set the public hearing for August 24th. The public notice will need to be sent to the paper the morning after the Council meeting in order for 10 days to lapse between publication and the budget hearing.

Council discussed the changes that had been made since the last budget meeting. Clerk Eddington said that the Tasers for the Police Department and a Public Works vehicle were removed from the budget. The additional 1 mil for the library was left in the budget for the General Fund. Adjustments to the budget for the new law proposed for 2016 by President Obama and the Dept. of Labor were also included in the budget.

Fire Chief John Strickland attended the meeting and reported that the Fire Department was going to need to replace their air packs and grass trucks in the near future. He said that Parsons had given them 13 air packs that they are using but they will need to be replaced in 5-10 yrs. Chief Strickland said all the fire trucks are aging and the grass trucks are 30 years old. These will have to be replaced soon and are expensive. Hopefully, the department can receive a grant for a truck and he is looking into how much the department can loan from the Firemen's Relief Fund.

Additional discussion on vehicles that would need replaced soon in the Police and Public Works Departments was held. Council asked the two department heads to look into different options.

At 8:31p.m. the Mayor called for a break and the meeting resumed at 8:39 p.m. After much discussion the Council finished reviewing the budget. As is, the mil increase is 2.88 from this year's mil levy. The Council said that they don't want to raise the mil levy but felt it was a workable budget. There was additional discussion about preparing for the tax lid the State is imposing as of January 2018. Clerk Eddington asked if there were any additional changes Council wants made before the August meeting. Council made no changes.

There being no further business, Tynan made a motion and Vance seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Mayor F.W. Cunningham, Jr.

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk Renee Cochran