

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
October 17, 2022

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
James Johnson
Todd Zahner
Christian Marshall

Members Excused: Samuel Lyons
Ryan Rudegear

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
James Wetzel, Fire Chief
Amanda Power, Community Development Director
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary
Helen Fielding, The Derrick
Jeff Reed, Street Department Supervisor
Jim Wetzel, Fire Chief
Harmony Motter, Finance Director
Kurt McFadden, Public Utilities Director
Charles Gibbons, Code Enforcement Officer
Kyle Fritz, The EADS Group
Sharon Dorogy (Via Teleconference)
Michael Gorman, R & D Assistant
Deb Eckelberger, Economic Development Director

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 141

Mrs. Fletcher moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT 2022 CDBG APPLICATION – Resolution No. 142

Mrs. Power reviewed with City Council the projects that were being submitted as part of the FY-2022 Community Development Block Grant application. She noted that she had not received any adverse public comment on them after the last public hearing. The proposed projects are as follows:

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FY-22 CDBG Program

Street Improvements	\$126,065
12 th Street from Elk to Chestnut	
Replacement of Light Poles and Luminaries	\$125,650
13 th Street between Liberty and Elk	
Administration	<u>\$ 55,254</u>
TOTAL	\$306,969

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the application for submission of the FY-2022 CDBG Program. Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MILLER PARK STORMWATER STUDY PRESENTATION

Mr. Fritz from The EADS Group, was present to discuss his findings of the Miller Park Storm Sewer Study and provided cost estimates for the proposed improvements that could be carried out in three (3) phases. The first phase could occur simultaneously with the General Authority's Waterline Replacement Project, currently under contract with Mortimer's Contracting, and runs from along Sibley Avenue, crosses Wiley Avenue to a roadside spill on Old Mercer Road, then up Old Mercer Road near to the City line. By doing so, the City would be saving about \$127,000 in engineering and mobilization fees. The two (2) subsequent phases could be carried out when the Franklin General Authority carries out its combined sewer overflow project, to address overflows at the City's A-108 manhole. Mr. Fritz explained that there are currently infrastructure grant programs that allow for stormwater issues to be addressed and one of those grants could be pursued for Phases 2 and 3 in a combined project. For further details of the scope of work for the project and a breakdown of the cost estimates, please refer to the presentation slides filed with the minutes. Council members thanked Mr. Fritz for his presentation.

2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mrs. Jamieson handed out a working draft of the General Fund budget for 2023 and indicated that there was a shortfall of almost \$360,000 if all the staff requests are granted. The Council then went down through the budget, department by department, where the department heads were able to answer any specific questions about their requests. Mrs. Motter explained that, in order to balance the budget, either requests had to be cut down, taxes had to be raised, use other possible fund transfers, or a combination of all of the above.

In addition to the Miller Park Phase 1 Stormwater Project, Mrs. Jamieson reviewed some future capital projects that the City Council should be aware of, such as both pool floors at Miller Sibley would need addressed in the next couple of years. Additionally, Mr. Reed indicated that a new 10 T. dump truck would be needed by his department in 2024. Fortunately, his crews were able to make repairs to the salt bin, which had been on the City's

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radar for replacement. These repairs will help to add to its longevity by 5 to 10 years. Mrs. Jamieson also reported that over 300 surveys had been received for the Recreational Needs survey, and that that information may drive future capital projects, as well. The survey data should be compiled and analyzed for Council's information in December.

Specific to the balancing of the 2023 budget, discussion was held on various subjects, such as reducing the amount of set-aside for a new fire engine, increasing property and other taxes, enacting a rental registration program to better track per capita taxes, using some fund balance carryover, while understanding that this would reduce any cushion that the City had been able to build, and how inflation has affected many budget items. Mrs. Jamieson asked what parameters that the Council wanted the budget established under and members were conflicted as to how to balance the budget in total. Mrs. Jamieson indicated that she will take into account all the information discussed and present a balanced budget in November for Council's review. Council members also indicated their concurrence to carry out Miller Park Phase 1 Stormwater Replacement, using existing Capital Account funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary