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Minutes

BUDGET, WAGE & JOB STUDY MEETING

Woodson Terrace City Hall

June 13, 2024 – 7pm

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Budget, Wage & Job Study Committee of the City of Woodson Terrace was held on Tuesday June 13th, 2024 at City Hall, 4323 Woodson Road. Chairman Greg Mills presided and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Aldermen Present

Robert McCabe
Gregory Mills (Chairman)
Maryanne Zaiz

Aldermen Absent

Donne Conlon

Also present were: Mayor Lawrence Besmer, City Administrator Doug Zaiz, Chief of Police Dominic Orlando, Finance Manager Kyla Hill, and Interim City Clerk Sarah Piel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 16TH, 2024

Alderman Greg Mills called for a motion for the approval of the May Minutes. Alderman Zaiz made the motion, seconded by Alderman Robert McCabe; the Board unanimously approved minutes from the May Meeting. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE: Chief Orlando

Chief Orlando brought to the floor his request for the purchase of seven in car cameras from a company called Lenslock that also provides police body cameras. He stated they will start with the in car cameras and as the body cameras go out they will slowly transition into new ones with this company. He would like to purchase seven in car cameras at a grand total of \$69,965.00. Lenslock allows payments over 5 years similar to a lease

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Program but there is no interest. Yearly payments of \$13,993.00 over 5 years. Chief Orlando said the funds would come out of the DEA fund. Mayor Besmer asked if after they are paid off and are owned by the Police dept. Chief Orlando stated “yes”.

Chairman Greg Mills asked for a motion to accept the police request for in car cameras at a total price of \$69,965.00 and to be spread out over 5 payments of \$13,993.00 a year. Alderman Maryanne Zaiz made the motion, seconded by Alderman Robert McCabe.

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Mills	“Aye”
Alderman McCabe	“Aye”
Alderman Zaiz	“Aye”

The motion carried, and will be presented at the June Board of Alderman Meeting.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION
2024-2025 BUDGET**

Greg Mills announced General discussion on the 2024-2025 Budget. Finance manager Kyla Hill produced a budget summary to everyone comparing 2023-2024 to 2024-2025. Mayor Lawrence Besmer stated last year the budget was \$5,611,896.94 and this years projected budget is 6,103,404.94 and with prices going up we are going up close to \$500,000. He pointed out that each department is sectioned to show what each department is spending, and that each department is as frugal as they can be. Alderman Robert McCabe asked how we afford all of these expenses. Mayor Lawrence Besmer stated that we also receive money and asked Finance Manager if she has had any trouble paying the bills and she replied “No we receive money in the form of taxes.” Mayor Besmer continued we get a percentage of sales tax. Finance manager Kyla Hill stated we get a 1% and quarter cent tax and a use tax. Mayor Lawrence Besmer continued we get taxes for parks and storm, sewer lateral, personal property, road and bridge and so on. And then we get a tax from the local businesses.

Alderman McCabe stated “looks like the Police Department gets a lot of

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Money” and Mayor Lawrence Besmer stated “well they have a lot of big high priced items, and we want to make sure they have the best equipment. They spend a lot but it’s to keep everyone safe,”

Alderman Greg Mills said ‘ since we have all these rental car businesses has that helped us at all? Mayor Lawrence Besmer stated “Yes, but we actually had a legal issue with one of those businesses and thought we were going to have to pay back a lot of the taxes we had received from them over the last 5 years but that has been settled and we do not have to pay nearly as much as we thought, so we are doing a lot better than we thought we were going to be.”

Mayor Lawrence Besmer continued talking about the budget stating most of this stuff are necessities and it will have to be voted on at the Board of Alderman meeting.

Finance Manager Kyla Hill stated “Mayor just so you know on our Sources of Revenue page under the Capital improvement, the Parks and storm and the Economic improvement, I went really conservative on what we would expect because I didn’t know if we were going to be paying that money back. So if we have proof that we are only paying that lower amount I can adjust those numbers back up.” Mayor Lawrence Besmer stated “we can always adjust it later but we have to wait till we get the actual paperwork in writing” Finance Manager Kyla Hill stated ‘OK, I just wanted you to know that those 3 accounts were adjusted to account for making those large payments.’ Mayor Lawrence Besmer stated ‘That was very good thinking.’

Mayor Lawrence Besmer said “We do take a loss on the Pool every year. Alderman Robert McCabe stated, “why, the pool is always busy?’ Mayor Besmer started talking about how we try to keep the prices as low as possible for the residents “for example we give a family pool pass for the entire family no matter the size for \$75.” Alderman Robert McCabe said “Wow that’s great.” Mayor Lawrence Besmer went on to say that’s how it has been since he was a kid going to the pool there.

Mayor Lawrence Besmer suggested to take budget home and really look over it and if anyone had any questions or wanted to make any suggestions to bring them up at the Board of Alderman meeting next week.

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Police Chief Dominic Orlando stated “Alderman McCabe I know you brought up the Police Budget and I wanted to let you know I kept it the same as last year, I did move some of the money around, if I noticed we don’t spend as much on a specific line item we can move it to somewhere we spend more, But overall our budget is the same.”

Chairman Greg Mills asked for motion to recommend the Budget for 2024-2025 to the Board of Alderman with the possibility of changes.

Alderman Maryanne Zaiz made the motion seconded by Alderman Robert McCabe.

The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Mills	“Aye”
Alderman McCabe	“Aye”
Alderman Zaiz	“Aye”

The motion carried, and will be presented at the June Board of Alderman Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business Chairman Mills entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderman Zaiz made the motion, seconded by Alderman McCabe, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Piel, Interim City Clerk