

Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes

Special Called Meeting: June 28, 2022

Place: Shelbyville Recreation Center, 220 Tulip Tree Road

Call to Order: 5:10 PM, Mayor Cartwright

Roll Call: The following were present: Councilmember William Christie, Councilmember Henry Feldhaus, Councilmember Marilyn Ewing, Councilmember Gary Haile, Councilmember Rick Overcast and Councilmember Stephanie Isaacs. Also, in attendance were City Recorder Lisa Smith, Interim City Manager Kay Parker, and City Attorney Ginger Shofner. Mayor Cartwright declared a quorum.

Adopt the Agenda: Mayor Cartwright asked for a motion to adopt the Agenda Councilmember Christie made a motion to adopt the Agenda as submitted, Councilmember Isaacs seconded, the motion carried by unanimous oral vote.

Business Item: Consideration of various items in the City of Shelbyville's Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

City Recorder Smith ask to poll the Council on an issue before the discussion started. She advised she had several Councilmember question the meeting last week on selecting applicants to interview for the City Manager's position. After reviewing the tape, she wanted to clear up any confusion concerning interviewing the two local applicants. By a show of hands Councilmembers Christie, Haile and Ewing expressed a desire to interview the local applicants. Councilmembers Isaacs, Feldhaus, Overcast and Mayor Cartwright did not wish to interview the local applicants at this time. Smith confirmed the Zoom interviews with the four applicants previously chosen will begin tomorrow.

Interim City Manager Parker advised she had set the Budget to reflect the 6% raise or \$15.00 an hour wage whichever was higher as directed at the last workshop. However, she noted the departments with the most part-time employees had requested the flexibility to start out at less than \$15.00. Council agreed Department Directors should have the flexibility and discretion to start out lower than \$15.00 an hour. After further discussion all full-time will receive a 6% increase.

Parker disclosed the items changed from the last meeting, advising she had increased the revenue projections by \$200,000.00 since the last meeting. She included the new position in the Planning Department and the requested software program approved by the Council, however the cost has increased to \$60,000. Mayor Cartwright stated it would be beneficial to several departments and there was some discussion of the ongoing cost of keeping the software updated. Councilmember Feldhaus questioned the revenue side of the Planning Department concerning fees comparing to surround areas. Planning Director Waleed Albakry advised we do not currently have an impact fee which other counties do. He advised he had been researching with City Attorney is the City could institute an impact fee or increase fees to help provide for services. Four Councilmember approved leaving the planning software in the budget.

Manager Parker advised the City's proposed ½ of the Akerman fee is included in proposed Budget. Councilmember Christie questioned if the County does not agree to pay their part what happens then. Parker stated the fee would increase to \$150,000. It was noted the County is meeting to approve their Budget tonight. Councilmember Feldhaus stated Akerman is working on ways to assist with funding for the flume and other items so the costs could be recouped.

All Councilmembers agreed to increase the City Judge's salary to \$10,000 annually. Mayor Cartwright advised he would like to receive reports from the Municipal Court on fines collected.

Parker noted Shelbyville Power Board had voted to increase the fire hydrant cost from \$8.00 to \$12.00 which will be a \$60,000 increase in this budget item.

Mayor Cartwright stated there was \$20,000 listed for flood pump repairs and questioned if there was anything being budgeted for replacing the pumps. He stated we need to be replacing the pumps because if we have a major event, we will have problems. Manager Parker advised one of tonight's handouts addressed the ARP funds which we currently have \$3.2 million and will receive an additional \$3.2 million in the fall. Additionally, she included several emails between her and Public Works Director Buck Vallad, Fire Chief Matt Doak and City Engineer Will Owen concerning the current condition of the three flood pumps and the approximate cost to replace them all being approximately \$4.5 million. Parker noted the ARP funds had to be obligated by December of 2024 and spent by December 2026. She further stated Council will need to decide what to spend these funds on, flood pumps, sewer, new police and/or fire buildings or something else. Mayor Cartwright advised he felt the pumps were a priority and ask if they are currently running at a diminished capacity. Fire Chief Doak stated two were running at 75% and one at 50% or less. Doak stated you would also need to consider the required lead time on the project which could be as much as 12 months. Councilmember Christie ask if the pumps fail what kind of loss will there be and Director Vallad stated 145 acres which included the Police and Fire Departments, the Juvenile Detention facility as well as other businesses, residences, and churches. Councilmember Feldhaus question if we were going to discuss this matter or continue with the Budget. He stated we needed a meeting on the overall plan for the flume. We needed real engineers and real plan to work on this. In the long run 145 acres is cheaper for the City of Shelbyville and the Federal Government to buy back then to try to keep it from flooding for the next 100's of years. Further if we have an event, we will be a federal disaster area and he feels this is a bigger problem than we can solve tonight. Parker stated she wanted to advise the Council so they could be considering options.

Parker then moved to the Park and budgeting off duty officers for additional security at the Park. Council agreed this was a needed item. Park Director Mike Alsup advised this would primarily be at H.V. Griffin Park. Other items covered for the Park Department were a full-time pool manager which was approved and the digital billboard which all Council agreed to remove from the budget.

Parker noted she had included the new position of a full-time operations tech at the Airport.

She advised she had changed Industrial Development a little and this is another item we are waiting on the County to know what if any they will contribute. Shelbyville Bedford Partnership was requesting \$220,000 a year for three (3) years from each government. Parker stated she has left the City's portion in the budget which is \$210,000 to the Partnership and \$10,000 for committee expenses. Additionally, she questioned the Council's desire for Tourism, reminding that the Partnership had also submitted a proposal for \$114,865. Councilmember Ewing questioned the current program with South Central. City Recorder Smith stated the proposal from Daniel Berry and Ryan French was to set up a Tourism Department for \$155,475. Both proposals included \$20,000 for event grants. Conversation turned to the oversight of the Partnership, and it was noted 4 of the 7 board members are government representatives. After further discussion it was decided to put in the funds in the budget for both, but not write any checks until further instructions.

There was some further discussion on different options including being more conservative on capital projects. Councilmember Overcast stated we did not need to put anything off as it will only be higher next year. Council decided to leave the capital as it is stated in the proposed budget as it can be amended at a later date.

Announcements: There will be a meeting tomorrow at noon to begin the City Manager With no further items of business **Mayor Cartwright adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:53 PM.**

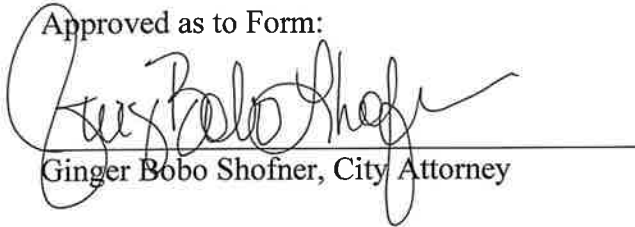
Approved:


Wallace Cartwright, Mayor

Attest:


Lisa Smith, City Recorder

Approved as to Form:


Ginger Bobo Shofner, City Attorney