

Finance Committee Meeting re 2018 Appropriations

A meeting of the Finance Committee re addressing the 2018 Appropriations was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in the Council Meeting Room, Cheviot City Hall, 2nd floor, 3814 Harrison Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 2000 hrs.

In attendance: Finance Committee members Alana Tucker, Dennis Dinkelacker, Jim Sunderhaus and Chairman David W. Voss.

Council members Kathleen Zech, Amy Richter, Gail Griffffin and President of Council Mark Waters.

Mayor Sam Keller, Safety Service Director Tom Braun, Auditor Theresa Ciolino Klein, Police Chief Emmett Stone, Fire Chief Bob Klein and former President of Council and Law Director Deborah M. Slaughter.

Safety Service Director Tom Braun provided in-depth information relative line items and what purchases were part of each line item. The line items covered pertained to the Health Commission, Cheviot Fieldhouse, Harvest Home Park, Planning and Zoning, Public Works, Street Construction Maintenance and Repair, Mayor, Safety Service Director, Council, Auditor, Treasurer, Tax Department, Building and Plumbing Inspections, City Hall, Civil Service Commission, County Auditor, State Exam Contract Services, Law Director, Parking Lot Commission, Swimming Pool and other Miscellaneous line items. The Mayor and Auditor also provided information about several of the accounts that were subject of the discussion.

Fire Chief Bob Klein provided in-depth information relative line items specifically pertaining to the Fire Department. When questioned, he detailed what purchases were part of each line item. The total 2018 appropriation for the Fire Department of \$1,073,000.00 exceeded the 2017 expenditures by \$57,153.67 or 6%. This appears to be a reasonable amount. While not addressed in this year's appropriations, Chief Klein spoke of a desire to add additional personnel and vehicle replacements to be considered in the future.

Police Chief Emmett Stone provided in-depth information relative line items specifically pertaining to the Police Department. When questioned, he detailed what purchases were part of each line item. There was discussion as why the part-time salaries appropriation for 2018 was \$137,000.00 versus the 2017 expenditure of \$117,199.55 equaling a 17% increase; part of the explanation was to reinstate traffic cars and walk beats in the business district on weekends. The other line item thoroughly discussed was Equipment < 5 years. The 2018 appropriation request of \$58,500.00 exceeds the 2017 expenditure of \$9,721.23 by \$48,778.77 or 502%. The explanation was to purchase a new patrol vehicle. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that a new vehicle could be legally purchased from the Criminal Activity/ Forfeitures Fund that contains \$124,137.51 and will be considered by Council. The total 2018 appropriation request for the police department totals \$1,304,294.00 exceeding the 2017 expenditures of

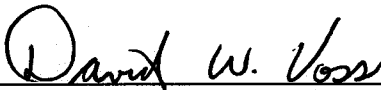
\$923,134.57 or 41%. The police department needs to replace outdated and aging mobile data transmitters and radios that justify a portion of the budget increase.

SSD Tom Braun was asked about the line item for the swimming pool as the 2018 appropriation request for 2018 is \$42,700.00. This is an increase of \$5,341.18 or 14% exceeding the 2017 expenditure of \$37,358.82. Part of the explanation was to increase the life guard salaries of \$9.00 an hour to \$10.00 an hour.

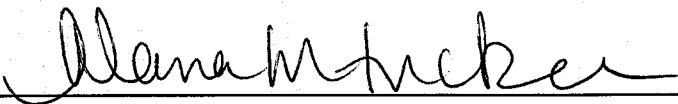
In a letter dated 02-21-2018, department heads were requested to provide documentation relative the general types of items to be purchased from each line item and explanation of any major purchases. This information was not provided as requested by letter. This caused the department heads to have to explain each line item adding to the length of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at about 2233 hrs. with the understanding that another committee meeting of a short duration will be needed to address any changes in the 2018 appropriations before submitting it for passage. It was agreed to consider having this meeting on Tuesday, 03-06-2018 at 1845 hrs. prior to the regular council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



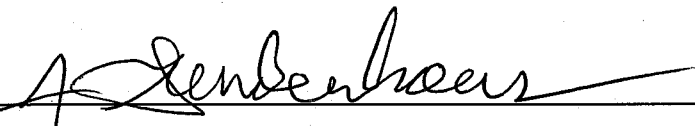
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