## **Finance Committee Meeting re Final 2018 Appropriations**

A meeting of the Finance Committee re the final approval of the 2018 Appropriations was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 in the Council Meeting Room, Cheviot City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 3814 Harrison Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1845 hrs.

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

Council members Kathleen Zech, Amy Richter, Gail Grifffin and President of Council Mark Waters, Mayor Sam Keller and Safety Service Director Tom Braun.

Under discussion was the recent letter from Tax Commissioner Greg Nolan concerning a large source of Cheviot's revenue being derived from the JEDDs. In the letter, the tax commissioner advised that he did not foresee any major funding increases because the existing JEDDs are at capacity.

There was discussion about the request for funding an additional position on the fire department. There was concern voiced from council members, the Mayor and Safety Service Director relative the cost of funding this position. Due to financial concerns, the matter was tabled.

Only one change was proposed to the 2018 appropriations, a decrease to line item 101.101.244.1 Equipment < 5 years in the Police Department budget section. Council agreed to a decrease of \$40,000.00. The funding was for a new cruisier which will be covered from available monies in line item 208.101.239.3, Criminal Activity Forfeiture. The \$40,000 savings will remain unappropriated in the General Fund for emergency purposes and to provide matching funds for grant opportunities when they arise. This change was agreed to by council.

Under revenue, Mayor Keller proposed to council entering into an agreement with St. Ignatius relative a rental of the Fieldhouse on a one-year trial basis for basketball and volleyball et cetera. The yearly rental fee would be \$13,800.00. There were other financial considerations that would benefit the City. These items will be reduced to writing by the administration for council's perusal. Council as a whole was receptive to the lease but wanted use of the Fieldhouse for the City for more than the 12 days offered by St. Ignatius. Fifteen to twenty days would be preferable.

The 2018 Appropriations ordinance will be introduced at the March 20th council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1925 hrs.

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