

Finance Committee Meeting re 2019 Appropriations

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 in the Council Meeting Room, Cheviot City Hall, 2nd floor, 3814 Harrison Avenue. The purpose of the meeting was for council to review the 2019 Appropriation Ordinance for Current Expenses and other Expenditures for the City of Cheviot for 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs.

In attendance:

Finance Committee members: Alana Tucker, RaeJean Hardig, James Sunderhaus and Chairman David W. Voss.

Council members: Kathleen Zech and Gail Griffin.

Administration: Mayor Sam Keller, Fire Chief Klein, and Police Chief Stone.

Citizenry: John Hardig

The Fire Department budget and explanation of line items was presented by Chief Klein and Mayor Keller. Committee members went over each line item request for 2019 and the comparisons with 2018 expenditures. The fire department budget came in at 8% over last year's expenditures. Committee members found the fire department budget to be feasible.

The Police Department budget was explained by Chief Stone and Mayor Keller. Committee members went over each line item request for 2019 and the comparisons with 2018 expenditures. Many of the 2019 line item requests greatly exceeded the expenditures for 2018. This gave cause for further inquiries and explanation. All line items were tentatively approved with the exceptions of Full-time Salary, Part-time Salary and Equipment > 5 years. Committee members did not reach a consensus on Full-time salary due to the need for additional study on the costs and effect on the overall budget associated with adding another officer to assign to RENU and the cost of a RENU car. Mutually agreed upon, was Part-time Salary to be decreased from \$129,157.00 to \$55,000.00 and Equipment > 5 years from original request of \$74,200.00 to \$49,000.00. Portion of Equipment > 5yrs. that was decreased was forwarded to the Criminal Activity Forfeiture Fund. Finally, approved as submitted, was line item 206, 207, and 213. Line item 208 was approved for \$70,000.00 to cover the purchase of 13 rifles, helmets, safety vests et cetera from the original request of \$102,604.40.

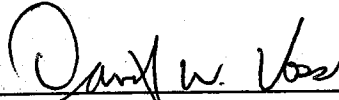
Public Works and SCMR budgets were briefly discussed but no conclusions was attained by committee members. The Mayor will be providing clarification on the percent of increase for salaries in each line item which were questionable.

The meeting adjourned at 2138 hrs.

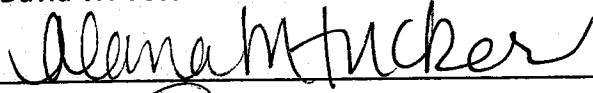
Another Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 1800 hrs.

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Respectfully submitted,



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