

Finance Committee Meeting Report December 3, 2019

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019 in the Council Meeting Room, Cheviot City Hall, 2nd floor, 3814 Harrison Avenue. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters relating to the 2020 budget.

The meeting was called to order at about 1848 hrs. (6:48 PM)

In attendance:

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

Other Council member: Kitty Zech.

Administration: Safety Service Director Tom Braun.

The following expected additional income for 2020 was discussed.

There will be a savings on dispatch fees due to a decrease on 911 fees charged to local governments. Hamilton County estimates are for a total savings of \$5 million dollars over the next two years for local governments. Each dispatch fee is \$16.00 in 2019; they will be reduced to \$10.00 each in 2020 and \$5.00 each in 2021. The total estimated savings for Cheviot will be \$112,081.00 for years 2020 and 2021 combined. Hamilton County is able to decrease dispatch fees due to continuing the one-quarter percent sales tax currently in effect for the Union Terminal that expires in April 2020.

The increase from the Ohio Gas Tax implemented by the State of Ohio. The increase was an extra 10.5 cents per gallon for gas. It increased from 28 cents per gallon to 38.5 cents per gallon. The increase for diesel was by 19 cents; diesel is now at 47 cents a gallon. In 2020, Cheviot is expected to receive approximately an additional \$157,000.00 and in 2021 it will be \$159,000.00. These increased funds must be used for road repairs, which could allow money from the general fund to become available for other City expenditures.

The annexation of Hillebrand Nursing Home will result in additional income tax revenue and property tax. There will also be income from the issuance of building permits from the forthcoming expansion of the Hillebrand facilities. Overall, we will gain approximately \$100,000.00 per year. Note that the process of annexation of Hillebrand from Cheviot is ongoing and has not yet been certified.

Additional expenses were discussed consisting of the following topics:

\$1,200.00 for public relations (city surveys-mailings-city wide communication opportunities etc.). Also, funding for a public information / marketing intern as previously discussed in External / External committee meetings. This request was forwarded in writing prior to the meeting by Council Person Gail Griffin.

Funding for the Capital Projects line item in 2020. \$ 30,000.00 was appropriated in 2019 and Council Person Alana Tucker proposed \$50,000.00 for 2020. Cheviot will not receive any lodging tax money from Hamilton County; however, we did apply for and will likely receive \$80,000.00 to \$100,000.00 from the state capital budget FY 21 22 for a major renovation of Harvest Home Park Lodge. In addition to the state capital funding as well as funds from Cheviot's capital project line item, \$40,000.00 is being donated from the Harvest Home Fair Association.

Council Person Amy Richter again raised the issue of providing residential pickup of recyclables in a council meeting. Safety Service Director Tom Braun stated that residential recycling would cost an additional \$50,000.00 per year plus the

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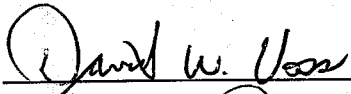
cost of the current commercial sized recycle bins provided by Cheviot at Cheviot Field House and the Cheviot municipal parking lot.

There will be costs relative the Hillebrand Annexation. Cheviot will have additional responsibility for roadways and life squad runs.

There was discussion relative limiting the increase of departmental budgets for 2020 to the Cost of Living Adjustment of 1.6%. The COLA would not pertain to wages as they are set by contracts. Consideration would also be given major purchases; e.g. life squad, road maintenance equipment et cetera.

The meeting concluded at 1929 hrs. (7:29 PM)

Respectfully submitted,



David W. Voss



RaeJean Hardig



James Sunderhaus



Alana Tucker