

CITY OF MOULTON
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
@ 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Weatherwax

Council Members: Brent White
Jason White
Joyce Jeffreys
Denise Lovett
Cassandra Lee

Mayor Weatherwax opened meeting and called on Rex Bain with the Lawrence County Public Library. Mr. Bain presented the Mayor and Council with his concerns about funding for the Library and request that they look over the information that he provided and consider increasing the amount of funding the City gives to the Library. As with many agencies the funding has been cut for the Library in many ways and is in a crunch to meet budget requirements. Joyce Jeffreys agreed with Mr. Bain that the service provided by the library is an essential and important need in our community that the City needed to help in any way possible.

Most supervisors were present at the meeting and Mayor Weatherwax called on each one to come forward and tell the Council their wishes and needs for their Departments.

- 1) Lyndon McWhorter (Police Chief) would like to increase his normal request for 2 police cars to 3 this year in hopes that by doing so there would be no need for cars for 2 years and this would provide each officer with their own vehicle to be responsible for.
- 2) Ryan Jolly (Fire Chief) would like at least one fireman, and software (\$12,000) that would interact with the building inspector software (\$15,000 est). Mr. Jolly also mentioned his truck is a 2006 with 123,000 miles and has had several issues, so he ask that they consider maintenance cost verses buying a replacement vehicle.
- 3) Jeff Brewington (Foreman – Solid Waste/Street/Cemetery) Needs a truck to deliver garbage cans, a zero turn mower, and to replace the Ranger Utility vehicle.
- 4) Jackie Burch (Parks & Recreation) would like to purchase a new out-front mower, and a machine with a large sprayer attached to help with the new ballfields etc.
- 5) Myron Bohannon (Golf Course) would like a utility vehicle with a dump bed. Also Mike Brown would like an additional mower.
- 6) Mark Bowling (Assistant Gas Superintendent) would like another employee, and also his truck is a 2005 with 184,000 miles if it could be replaced would be a benefit also.
- 7) Greg Dutton (Water Department Superintendent) says that their trucks are in good shape, but he would like to purchase a mini-excavator to extend the life of the backhoes, it would be more practical in a lot of the areas water repairs have to be made on private property and it would be safer to transport to and from work areas. Mr. Dutton also spoke about the vacancy created at the treatment plant recently by an employee taking a position

elsewhere, still was in need of being filled. We have been able to use a retired Grade 4 operator from another company and hopefully will be able to use him for approximately 6 months until a replacement is found. The qualifications to be hired at the Water Treatment Plant are strict and must be followed, as they are ADEM requirements. In distribution there is also a need for an addition employee.

With all the request given in the meeting adjourned with the Council deciding on Monday September the 25 being changed to another Work Session to further discuss Budget for 2018.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

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