

CITY OF BRODHEAD BUDGET WORKING SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Present: Mayor Pinnow, Alderman Nyman, Bruce, Fox, Peach, Huntington and City Clerk Withee.

Absent: Alderman Anderson

Mayor Pinnow called meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call vote shows all aldermen present except Anderson

Director Boegli stated the overall park budget will remain the same as last year. Yellow sheet shows adult ball program will reduce and this amount will be added to other areas. With the new generation ball programs are declining. Youth programs are doing well. Capital expenditure items – sealcoating 2 basketball courts for approximately \$2,595. An application has been submitted to Brodhead foundation to complete the dog park.

Director Noel stated that for the 2019 budget the library is requesting an addition \$2,000 over last year's appropriation of \$184,233. They will be receiving an increase in county reimbursements approximately \$10,000 over last year. Historically the city has supported about 70% of the library budget for 2019 the city is now at 64.4%. The more county funds that are received increases their ability to put members on the library board if they choose to do so. At this time they can add 2 members. Green County has not implemented this. Largest increase in the budget will go towards wages and salaries. The Library board is actively working to raise wages to be competitive with other libraries and other employers. There are 8 members that currently make less than the starting wage of Kwik Trip. 3 position that would remain lower is the page positions and they are usually high school students. They would like to hire another staff member to assist with adult programing. Expecting utilities to decrease next year with the upgrades they have recently done. Have been focusing on increasing programing and attendance is up 85%.

Dick Pinnow presented the fire district budget. The largest expense is the replacement of SCBA bottles. They have a 15 year life and can no longer be certified. This is a \$45,000 expense and would be an 18% increase over last year's budget. He stated if they use Lifequest revenue along with minimizing 2019 expenses and they carryover \$48,317 from their 2018 budget to 2019 they will only be seeking a 2% increase over last year. They review each fund and compare to previous years to determine the next year budget.

Chief Hughes stated that he worked with Clerk Withee and with the decrease in health insurance costs he was able to reduce his budget. He stated he takes a 3 year average and looks for trends and bases his budget on those estimates. He also looks for any expenses that may increase in operational expenses. He did not include capital projects but that will have to be addressed in 2019 with any carryover funds. Nonunion employees were put in for a 2% increase except for one dispatcher that he will be bringing up to the standard rate. Union rates have all been set by the contract. Police department will be up to full staff in 2019. The budget takes into consideration the K9 program and new staff having additional training in 2019. A question was raised as to how has the K9 program has affected the budget. Chief Hughes stated that he added \$5,000 to the budget but the goal is to fundraise for these line items. Auto insurance and fuel has been factored into the budget. The city does not get reimbursed if the K9 is called to another jurisdiction but the plan is to keep this to a minimum. Fox stated that the current contract is moving toward having the Union members pay 10 – 11% for healthcare and 90% of WRS.

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Clerk Withee stated that the City Hall budget will decrease slightly due to the decrease in the cities health care portion. The council will receive a printout of all of the budget numbers before any action is taken at the budget hearing.

There is no need for a meeting on the 18th. The next meeting will be on the 24th at 5pm after the finance meeting at 4pm. Copies will be emailed to council prior to the meeting.

The city budget hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Motion by Fox to approve the date set for the budget hearing. Second by Nyman. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Fox. Second by Nyman. Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Douglas A. Pinnow, Mayor Approved this 20th day of November 2018.
Teresa Withee, City Clerk