CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Members Present: Tony Nelson, Bryan Cornell, Ray Schuchard, Jamie Ward and John Chesney
Members Absent: none
Staff Present: Jeff Peck, Fire Chief; Brad Boice, Public Works Supervisor and Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer
Guest: Mike Bubany, Financial Advisor, David Drown Associates

Call to Order: Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Nelson stated the work meeting will begin with discussions on:
Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Revision – Updates and Planning including:
2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project, Fire Hall Building Construction Project, Swimming Pool Proposal, Wetland Creation Project, alley behind fire station, and other long term projects.
Fire Hall Construction Cost Update and Fire Department Long Term/Short Term Budgets and Goals

CIP:
Mike Bubany explained the Capital Improvement Plan worksheet and how proposed projects can be entered with numerous variables: cost, financing options, timing, etc. With that information entered it can than predict what the impact will be to the City's cash reserves, debt per capita, property owners' taxes, utility rates, etc. This is all estimates because things like interest rates change and property values change, etc.

Bubany recommended continuing to budget $100,000 a year for streets. Projects were suggested: Jefferson Avenue SW, Madison Avenue NW, storm water management in the Second Street Wetlands parcel, fire hall alley, swimming pool, etc. Each scenario was analyzed with different timing and financing options and potential property owners cost.

$4,500,000 was entered as an estimate to build the proposed swimming pool facility. Another $50,000 was considered for annual operations costs. For 2019 the City's levy was approximately $751,000; to build a pool, conservatively an additional $450,000 would need to be added to make bond payments and cover the operations costs. That could result in an estimated additional $50 a month in property taxes for an average home.

The Council agreed on a couple different scenarios and requested Bubany to finalize the plan with those options, to be approved later.

Fire Department:
Chief Peck updated the Council on the fire hall construction project and those costs. He requested consideration to purchase additional gear lockers and have the flooring installed by volunteers. The construction costs at this time are in line with previous predications.

Short and long term suggested purchases were presented. A few things discussed were: Tanker 3 will need to be replaced, SBA compressor replacement ($45,000?), extrication equipment needs to be updated because vehicles keep changing and evolving ($20,000?), and truck radios will need to be replaced ($50,000?). Peck submitted the 2020 equipment list that was tentatively approved by the Eyota Township Board.

Other:
The Council discussed the possibility of burning brush at the compost site during the winter. They also discussed the amount of snow being piled at the site, with more to come. Another option would be to clear a path to get into the Second Street Wetlands parcel and designate that area for snow.

Knowlton will look into iPad keyboard replacements.

Adjourn: Mayor Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Tony Nelson
Mayor

Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer