

Budget Committee
April 22, 2024

Present: Smith, Bailey, Gormady, Williams

Public: none

- I. Call to Order 1630
- II. Approval of Minutes: tabled until 4/29/24
- III. Administrative budget approved 4/16/22
- IV. Services
 - a. Recycling: CM suggests, after meeting with Recycling Committee, to maintain flat
 - b. Motion to approve Services with the above by Gormady, second by Williams, unanimous vote in-favor
- V. Economic Development
 - a. Chamber of Commerce
 - i. Advertising
 - ii. Public bathroom maintenance
 - 1. Originally maintained by COC, now maintained by Rosie's hot dog stand with payment by City as per previous City Manager Devonshire
 - a. Gormady asks: is their staff covered by commercial cleaning insurance
 - b. Alternatively, is Rosie's staff "employed" by Port Authority to clean and maintain bathrooms?
 - b. Motion to approve \$3300, unanimously approved
- VI. Expense (Reserve Capital), passed last meeting
 - a. (Reserve Capital Infrastructure) \$92K approved unanimously (Gormady, Williams, unanimous in-favor vote)
- VII. Insurance (performance bonds, risk management, workperson's compensation)
 - a. % spent, as of 3/24, 82.4%, on-target for fiscal year overall
 - Risk Management specifically is at 90% thus far this fiscal year
 - Increase by 10% (\$46750 last fiscal year) to \$51425)
 - Maintain performance bonds and workperson's compensation
 - b. Motion to approve Insurance budget with 10% increase in Risk Management (Gormady/Williams) unanimous approval
- VIII. Public Officials (training and travel for city officials) (excluding City Manager)
 - a. Current spendage is 43% of current budget
 - b. Motion to approve Public Officials at \$500 (Smith/Bailey) unanimously approved
- IX. Landfill Remediation
 - a. Currently listed as "0"
 - i. ? Treo error
 - ii. 2023 = ~ \$42K

- iii. Forward question to City Manager re entry in Treo: Why is expense “zero” for Landfill Remediation for 2024?
 - iv. Further decision / recommendation tabled
- X. Revenue
 - a. Public Works/Excise/ Road Aid
 - i. Road Aid = Matching funds from State of Maine = \$20,616
 - ii. Excise tax: fixed by State
 - b. Administrative
 - i. Keep same
 - ii. Discussion re building permits issuance (? Increase fees)
 - iii. Plumbing permit fee (\$1200) reviewed
 - iv. Fee/permit for temporary housing (per Gormady)
 - 1. (i.e. air bnb properties)
 - 2. Recommend consideration of ordinance in this regard to tax as businesses versus fee structure for un-occupied structure
 - 3. Motion to recommend to Council to pass ordinance re non owner-occupied air bnbs to be charged a City tax as per temporary rental occupancy (Williams, Gormady); unanimous approval.
 - c. Police Protection
 - i. Gun permits
 - ii. Parking tickets
 - 1. No officers currently to issue
 - iii. Accident reports
 - 1. None are in-operation presently
 - d. Animal Control
 - i. License fee
 - 1. Increase fee
 - e. Cemetery
 - i. Increase fee (already approved)
 - f. Shellfish Warden
 - i. Fines for no license
 - ii. License fees
- XI. Open Forum
 - a. Bailey: research re costs per student for education at Eastport Schools
 - i. Shead tuition students cost per student: ~\$13K
 - 1. N= 52 tuition students currently
 - 2. = ~\$691 K
 - 3. Local students N=31
 - 4. Total high school budget based on these costs = ~\$1.1 million
 - ii. Elementary school: current is 2 tuition students; cost ~9K
 - 1. N=83 local students + 2 tuition + 3 non-classified
 - 2. Total elementary cost: ~\$824K
 - iii. Total with elementary and high school combined: \$1.9 million

iv. Eastport taxpayers' fair portion: \$1.1million

1. To exceed this per Bailey means City residents could be subsidizing out-of-City students to be educated

XII. Adjourn 1740

Submitted,

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