

WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in a Work Session on Monday, September 15, 2008, at 5:05 PM in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building to go over the proposed City Budget for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2008 to Sept. 30, 2009. Meeting was recessed from 6:00 PM to 6:32 PM in order to hold the Regular Council Meeting. Work Session was resumed at 6:37 PM and adjourned at 7:27 PM. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carolyn Schutte.

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| Roll Call of Members: | Present: | Mayor Schutte, Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman, Councilmen Fousek, Nelson and Parker. |
| | Absent: | None |
| Present Representing the City: | | City Manager David Haugland Steve Marriott, Administrative Services Director Kent Cantrell, Fire Chief Chad Birdsong, Public Works Director John McGovern, Police Chief Phil Hodges, Director of Public Utilities Tim Jarman, Director of the Golf Course Steve Zimmerman, Director of Parks & Recreation Devry Hunt, Public Works Administrative Assistant Dr. Nick Houk, Member Public Safety Sales Tax |

BUDGET DISCUSSION (Tape A1-A2000, B1-B1039)

Proposed Revenues and Expenditures were gone over in the following funds for the budgeted fiscal year October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

- Transportation Trust Sales Tax Fund
- Refuse Fund
- Golf Fund
- Parks and Recreation Fund
- E-911 Phone Tax Fund
- Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund
- Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) Fund
- Elms Hotel Event Fees Fund
- Community Development Block Grant Fund
- Public Safety Sales Tax Fund
- Wal-Mart/Elms TIF Special Revenue Fund
- Paradise Playhouse TIF Special Revenue Fund
- Vintage Plaza TIF Special Revenue Fund
- Capital Equipment Fund
- Debt Service Fund
- Wal-Mart/Elms TIF Debt Service Fund
- Airport Fund

The following discussions were held on the various funds:

Public Safety Sales Tax:

Dr. Nick Houk, Board Member of the Public Safety Sales Tax addressed the Council. In one of their board meetings, they discovered that yearly COLA raises given to the Fire Department and Police Department, plus benefits, were being taken out of the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund. When the tax was passed it was with the

understanding that the Police and Fire Departments would be given a \$2,500 raise and that would take 55% to 60% of the yearly income...leaving 40% to purchase equipment which would be split between the two departments. By taking the 3% raise each year out of this fund, it only leaves about 20% for equipment. He and other members of the board requests that these raises not be taken out of the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund and amounts taken out prior to this year be refunded to the fund. He stated this is a "great" tax and can go on forever.

The City Manager stated this amount has been corrected in this budget. Councilman Fousek wants to know how the "transfer back" will impact the rest of the budget. Steve Marriott stated he would rather fix this now and not have to deal with it next year. Councilman Parker thanked the Public Safety Sales Tax Committee for finding this.

Transportation Trust:

Councilman Fousek stated he would like to see if the City can afford to start bus service to Liberty. Devry Hunt stated she will have to check with MoDOT to see if they would fund this. Councilman Nelson stated we need to check and see if there is room on the Liberty bus for additional riders.

Refuse:

Chad Birdsong stated they have been notified that in years to come no yard waste will be allowed in landfills. He stated the City will probably have to set up a compost site at that time. He will also have to contact DNR and see what regulations are before we can move forward.

Golf:

Councilman Parker stated the Golf Course had a good year revenue-wise. Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman stated we need to see what the new Golf Board can come up with for the Golf Course. Mayor Schutte stated that Golf shows a huge credit balance and suggests this be shown as a "loan". Director Tim Jarman advised the Council that the cost of fertilizer, chemicals, sand, etc. just keeps going up.

Capital Improvements:

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman asked what the repairs to the Hall of Waters involved.

Parks & Recreation:

Mayor Schutte asked Steve Zimmerman what "overtime" is for. He advised that is for people who have to work on Saturdays to run the various athletic programs. Councilman Nelson asked if part-time people could be utilized for this. Steve informed the Council that people do not want to give up their evenings.

The remaining funds were described to the Council by Steve Marriott.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Schutte adjourned the second session of the Work Session at 7:27 PM.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK