

WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
AUGUST 24, 2009

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in a Work Session on Monday, August 24, 2009, at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building to go over the proposed City Budget for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2009 to Sept. 30, 2010 for Water Fund, Pollution Control Fund and Refuse Fund. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carolyn Schutte.

Roll Call of Members: Present: Mayor Schutte, Mayor Pro-Tem
Buckman,

Councilmen Fousek, Nelson and Parker.

Absent: None

Present Representing the City:
Director

City Manager David Haugland
Steve Marriott, Administrative Services

Kent Cantrell, Fire Chief
Chad Birdsong, Public Works Director
Tom Wall, Director of Public Utilities
Devery Hunt, Public Works Administrative

Assistant

WATER, POLLUTION CONTROL & REFUSE FUND BUDGET DISCUSSION (Tape A1-A1500, B1-B201).

Steve Marriott, Administrative Services Director, and City Manager David Haugland presented the Council with the proposed Water, Pollution Control and Refuse Fund Budget print-outs for the fiscal year 10-1-09 to 9-30-10.

Tom Wall, Chad Birdsong and Devery Hunt were on hand to answer the Council's questions on these funds.

Tom Wall stated the Utilities Rate Study will be completed by mid-January, 2010 and he will bring these findings back to the Council by the second meeting in January. The Water and Pollution Control Funds do not reflect any rate changes in the proposed budget, at this point.

Tom stated that the biggest items in Pollution Control are system improvements. We need to add life to our infrastructure. He further stated that D & N has just completed an inspection of our facilities and our current permit will expire in 2012. Our mandated limits will come into play before that. As long as D & R sees you move forward, there will be no fines and they have accepted our pilot plan.

Our biggest issue is storm water. We reach three times our peak flow during a rain event. We are equipped to handle 2.3 million gallons daily – in a rain event, we reach 10 million gallons. Pipes in streams or alongside streams have broken pipe and stream water gets into the system.

Chad and Tom agreed that they do not have manpower to go out and look for repairs, they just have time to do routine maintenance.

Mayor Schutte asked what the City needs to do now to start these improvements this budget year.

Tom stated that additional personnel would help to do routine maintenance on lines. Chad explained that they never have a dedicated crew to make routine repairs – they always have to stop and do other things. Chad also advised that the Water Department has a new “G.P.” system. The Water Department’s main concerns are with flows, pressure and storage.

Councilman Nelson asked what the life expectancy of re-lined pipe is. He was advised that re-lined pipe had as long a life as regular pipe.

Tom advised the Council that after the rate study, the City may have to look at a bond issue to get all the improvements done.

Steve Marriott advised that bonds will have to be done to cover the expenditure.

A general discussion was held on the Refuse Fund. It was noted that the new trash bins and the re-cycle bins have been well received throughout the City.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Schutte adjourned the Budget Work Session at 5:54 PM.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK

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