

WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
JULY 12, 2010

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in a Work Session on Monday, July 12, 2010 at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building to discuss the proposed City Budget for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2010 to Sept. 30, 2011 for Water, Pollution Control, and Refuse Funds. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carolyn Schutte.

Roll Call of Members: Present: Mayor Schutte, Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman, and Councilman Nelson. Councilman Fousek was present thru telephone hookup but was not eligible to vote.

Absent: Councilman Parker.

Present Representing the City: Steve Marriott, Director of Administrative Services
Kent Cantrell, Fire Chief
Chad Birdsong, Public Works Director
Tom Wall, Director of Public Utilities
Larry Murry, Building Official

BUDGET COMMENTS: (Tape A1-B888).

Tom Wall and Steve Marriott went over the Water and Pollution Control budgets with members of the Council. Steve explained that two new funds are being added this year and they are "Water System Improvement Fund" and "Pollution Control Improvement Fund". They explained that the proposed budgets for Water and Pollution Control both reflect the new rates going into effect this summer.

Tom explained to the Council that \$300,000 is being budgeted in the Water Fund for repairs to current infrastructure, not for systems improvement. Tom also informed the Council that nothing has changed on Capital Improvements. They have three (3) new hires that will start this Friday.

Steve informed the Council that the Water System Improvement will have \$15,000,000 issued in Debt Bonds with a 15 year pay-out. He also explained that the Pollution Control Improvement will have \$20,000,000 issued in Debt Bonds with a 20 year pay-out.

Tom stated that the City is constantly getting letters from DNR and they seem to be very cooperative as long as the City can prove they are making progress; such as conducting the new rate study and initiating plans to get the new plant designed and built. The City just got their anti-degradation report approved last week. This will be a deep-ditch anti-degradation system. We are now starting the design process and getting the engineering process started... based on DNR recommendations.

Steve advised the Council that part of the rate increases will be used to bring reserves back up.

Charges for Service will increase in the Water Fund from \$2,266,500 for the current year to \$2,620,000 for FY 2010/2011. Charges for Service will increase in the Pollution Control Fund from \$1,075,188 for the current year to \$1,495,393 for FY 2010/2011.

Chad Birdsong and Steve Marriott went over the Refuse Fund with the Council. Chad

informed the Council that as soon as Allied Waste gets more cities to sign up for the re-cycle program, our cost will come down. The plan will still be to recycle every other week. Chad stated that 25,000 to 30,000 tons are being recycled per month.

Chad also stated that of the money Allied Waste makes from the recycled trash, 50% will be paid back to the City quarterly. The City plans to keep its regional recycle center.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Schutte adjourned the Budget Work Session at 6:23 PM.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK

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