

Council Study Committee
October 8, 2012
Minutes

Members Present: Pete Berry, Greg Marchant, Eric Mathieu, John Parker, Pam Pepper, John Sirianni and Mayor Bresnan.

Staff Present: Jean Furler, Chuck Burgin, Glen Cowan, Doug Bylund, Dan Miers and Ed Yando.

1. **Greater Des Moines Convention & Visitors Bureau (GDMCVB):** Greg Edwards made a presentation on behalf of the GDMCVB. Other members of their organization in attendance included:

Vicki Comegys
Nancy Goode
Tiffany Tauscheck
Paula Gleason

2. **Tax Abatement:** Staff provided a survey of surrounding communities' tax abatement programs. The amounts and plans varied and some communities do not have a tax abatement program. Staff indicated they believe Indianola's program is competitive in relationship to what is financially feasible for the community. Some metro cities have a very wide commercial tax base and therefore can provide more incentives.
3. **Pool:** Doug Bylund and Glen Cowan reviewed the pool budget and indicated the expenses were higher due to a major pump repair prior to the spring opening. In addition the age of the pool has created more maintenance and repairs expenses. Staff indicated future repairs are imminent and believe more tax funding will be necessary to maintain the pool.

Staff was asked to review the fees and other sources of funding to determine if additional revenues could be generated next year. Staff will re-estimate current numbers in Nov/Dec and develop the FY13-14 budget including maintenance/repair items.

4. **CIP:** The committee reviewed the Street, Sewer and Storm sewer capital improvement budgets.

Budget highlights included:

STREET:

The street capital fund is supported by debt service tax revenues and Road Use Taxes provided by the state on a per capita amount (currently \$94.00/person).

- Replacement of one 12 year old 4x4 pickup in an amount of \$25,000 used to tow equipment, haul tools and snow removal
- J&K Re-alignment with signal and paving 500' of "K". The goal is to complete the entire project by FY 2014 at a total cost of \$1,070,000 using GO Bonds, TIF, T21 and USTEP funds. Acquisition of the land has been initiated and will be complete in the current fiscal year.
- Community Athletic Facility in an amount of \$20,000 for future land acquisition for trail/soccer complex. The same amount has been transferred each year since FY2009 (\$100,000) for future relocation if necessary.
- North "C" Street replacement depending on council direction.
- East Iowa to city limits (1320'). Very preliminary discussions have indicated this may need paved based on council direction.

SEWER:

This fund is supported by sewer revenues.

- Continuation of the I&I Program with an estimated completion date of 2024 (IDNR consent order). \$100,000 is budgeted for private loans/reimbursements.
- North Wastewater Treatment Plant rehabilitation project estimated at \$12.5 million. Facility plans have been developed in the current year and \$350,000 budgeted for FY2014 for engineering. The actual construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2014. Rate increases are scheduled for FY16, FY17 & FY20 to handle this project and others.
- \$28,000 for replacement of South Plant pump
- \$35,000 for replacement of 2003 F-350 with plow

STORM SEWER:

This fund is supported by the storm water utility established in March 2011. Each location is charged \$2.00 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU).

- \$50,000 for sump tiling projects
- \$50,000 for storm sewer maintenance and repairs (An example is the North 8th & Iowa Drainage Project)

The committee adjourned on a motion by Parker and second by Sirianni at 7:30 p.m.