

**COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
MAY 14, 2007  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING**

**PRESENT:**           **COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY  
COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH  
COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF  
COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH  
MAYOR GRAHAM**

**ALSO PRESENT:**   **CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU  
CITY COMPTROLLER JAMES MILLS**

Mayor Graham opened the budget work session.

**Jefferson County Historical Society**

Council reviewed the \$5,000 request submitted by the Society for advertising of two traveling exhibits.

Dr. Abel, Executive Director of the Society, addressed the chair explaining that the previous funding from the City allowed them to advertise two previous exhibits.

Council members discussed the fact that the City had increased its funding to the 1000 Islands Tourism Council this year for advertising.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the advertising for the Society would be for specific events at the Society, not just for tourism promotion of the facility.

Mayor Graham and Councilman LaBouf remarked that they could support this request.

Councilman Clough questioned why Council would approve this after just turning down the zoo's request.

Mayor Graham responded that they didn't turn down the request. Council asked the zoo to come back with a plan. He also explained that this request is not for billboard advertising, as the zoo's was.

Councilman Smith asked about funding from Jefferson County.

Dr. Abel responded that the County gives the Society \$9,000 a year.

Councilman Smith remarked that it seems odd that it is the Jefferson County Historical Society and yet, the City is being asked to give almost as much as the County does. He also commented that when the Society came to Council last year, he was under the impression that it was a one time thing.

Councilman Clough remarked that if the City is going to start giving funds to each organization, perhaps Council should decrease the amount of funds to the 1000 Islands Council.

Mayor Graham asked that the resolution be prepared for the next Council meeting.

Councilman Clough remarked that he wants more detail and would rather see the money spent on the building instead of on advertising.

Councilman Bradley suggested that, in the future, the request gets to Council sooner.

Dr. Abel explained that he wrote the letter on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Smith commented that if Council is going to fund something like this, he would suggest the extra \$5,000 goes to the 1000 Islands Council with it being targeted for specific events.

Dr. Abel explained that he doesn't always know when the exhibits are going to be available and definitely, would not have that information when the 1000 Islands Council would need it for the brochures.

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Mr. Hauk presented Council with a report outlining a consultant vs. a CE-II and reviewed the report with them.

Mayor Graham and Councilman LaBouf stated that they were in favor of hiring a CE-II.

Councilman Clough stated that he was in favor of a consultant.

Councilman Bradley remarked that while he is not necessarily against hiring a CE-II, he would like to know where the cuts are going to be made in the budget.

Councilman Smith remarked that Council has to think ahead as no one wants to cut positions in the future.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that Council could hire the consultant for this year and then look at it next year. She also advised that if Council wishes to add the CE-II position this year, it would add \$117,000 to the budget. This would take into account a \$67,000 salary plus benefits and the funds needed to bring the current CE-IIs up to the same salary.

Councilman Smith asked why the projects keep moving out even though the City has a five-year plan.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that this plan has to be somewhat fluid and it has to allow the City to meet the needs of the development in the community.

Council then reviewed the Capital Budget pages again in an effort to see what cuts could be made.

#### **Page 243 – Arena Roof Rehabilitation**

Discussion was held relative to putting a brand new roof on the facility at a cost of approximately \$350,000-\$400,000.

Mr. Hayes stated that he would not recommend the new roof for the building. He reiterated his comments from previous meetings that the problem with the roof was a material failure. With the rehab, the City should get 10-15 years just with the spray on application. He stated that to put a Cadillac roof system on it is not necessary.

#### **Page 245 – Internal Road System @Fairgrounds**

This was removed from the budget. (\$75,000 savings)

#### **Page 248 –City Hall Windows**

Discussion was held concerning these. No decision was made at this time.

#### **Page 256 –Traffic Light**

This was removed from the budget. (\$60,000 savings)

#### **Page 132 – Economic Development**

Councilman Clough asked that the money allocated to this be dropped to \$15,000. (\$15,000 savings)

#### **Vehicles**

Council revisited the requests for vehicles from the Police and Fire Departments. Both Chief Goss and Chief Gaumont reiterated their reasons for requesting the vehicles that appear in the budget.

#### **Management Raises**

Mayor Graham asked Mrs. Corriveau what percentage she had put into the budget for management raises.

Mrs. Corriveau stated that she had put in 3 ½ %.

Mayor Graham remarked that since Council voted down WHA management raises he would only support a 3% raise for management.

Mrs. Corriveau reviewed the percentages for unions and management over the last five years and explained that percentage wise, management has continued to lag behind.

Councilman Clough remarked he doesn't feel that new employees who are just hired should get the raise. He referred to the position that was recently filled at the library.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that Mrs. Wheeler is the appointing authority and she doesn't know what she negotiated with the new hire.

Council members agreed to set the management raises at 3 ½%.

### **Teen Center**

Councilman LaBouf advised Council that the board of the center has a desire for the City to play a role in providing the programs for the center. He discussed the Can Teen in Cicero and the fact that their programs are provide by the Recreation Department. Their 501-C-3 is in place and donations come in from their Youth Bureau as well as from the municipality. He said to replicate this would cost about \$100,000 a year. He also commented that the school system is already involved and the food program is in place as well as volunteers.

Councilman LaBouf also mentioned that another idea the board had was for the City to increase its funding to CAPC so that this organization could complete the merger.

Mayor Graham remarked that he had asked City staff to make recommendations through the City Manager, not by things coming to Council anecdotally.

Councilman LaBouf responded that he has encouraged Mr. St. Croix to sit down with the City Manager and he is planning to do that.

Councilman Smith remarked that the City has never been given a formal proposal and has never run or been part of this program. He also commented that this is a complete change of a function of City government.

Councilman Clough commented that the City has ten playgrounds throughout the City as well as ball fields, pools and an arena. The City runs Grasshopper and Midget Leagues.

Councilman Bradley remarked that he had spoken with Mr. St. Croix and he said that the Recreation Department needs to be involved. However, he also said that he would not

come to the City for funding. Councilman Bradley stated that he did not want to see Mr. St. Croix dragged into something.

**Page 101 – Police Department**

Chief Goss answered questioned concerning staff posed by Council.

**Water & Sewer Funds**

Councilman LaBouf asked about this.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the cost of the rate study was incorporated into this budget.

**Next Budget Session**

Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> for another budget session.

Budget Session ended at 9:45 p.m.

Donna M. Dutton  
City Clerk