

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MAY 4, 2023 | 6:00PM | TC COMMUNITY CENTER

BUDGET HEARINGS – NIGHT 3

MINUTES

Members Present: 5/5

Landon Gulley, Chair

Bubba Gregory, Vice Chair

Beverly Atwood

Will Dennis

Jerry Ford

Others Present: Amy Thomas – *Secretary*, Mayor Jack McCall, Comm. Lesley Overman, Comm. Chris Gregory, PW Director Cliff Sallee, Comm Lonnie Taylor, Mark Beeler, Tommy McFarland, and Bill Scruggs

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Gulley. A quorum was determined with all 5 members present. Order of departments was determined by department heads present at the meeting.

FUND 131 – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Peggy Taylor included notes for the departments' budget. Bill Scruggs was present to answer questions from the Committee. The total local revenues represent the 5yr average or the maintenance of effort for the department. A 2.5% increase for employee wages is included. Atwood asked about overtime use. Scruggs is keeping an eye on the hours and can alternate employees to keep the costs down. Overtime is mainly used during storm clean up. Ford asked about the insurance contributions for employees. Scruggs did not have that information ready at the meeting. Gulley stated that the bottom line is that the department is not asking for any additional funding and it is able to carry the expenditures within their funding.

Motion by TB Gregory to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Atwood

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

FUND 101 – COUNTY GENERAL

51800 – County Buildings

707 – Building Improvements | Administration Building with the moving of offices and repairs to flooring where the Water department used to be. UT Extension office needs a roof replaced; however, this may occur in FY23. Moving to LED lighting in all county buildings. The goal for FY24 is the library lighting. Savings have been showing around \$20-30 a month.

A generator will need to be purchased for the Administration building. The current one is on its last legs.

Motion by Atwood to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by TB Gregory

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

56700 – Parks & Recreation

We now have a groundskeeper in place to oversee the parks. He is being trained to do playground equipment inspections. We will need to continue doing weekly inspections on the playground especially with the upcoming new equipment.

790 – Ford asked if we could purchase the camera system with ARPA funding. This is an appropriate use should the Committee move in that direction. Cameras would be in the ballfield areas and the walking track. Lines have already been installed in preparation for the expense. This was during the installation of the ballfield lights.

Motion by Ford to use ARPA funding for line item 790 and send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Atwood

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

91150 – LPRF Project

Project is moving forward. The Public Works Committee will be reviewing design ideas at their next meeting (May 17).

Motion by Dennis to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by TB Gregory
MOTION CARRIED
w/o opposition

FUND 116 – SOLID WASTE

Fund was presented with two options on expenditures. The blue column contains requested vehicles, and the orange shows without. Mr. Sallee is asking for a Roll Off Truck, Backhoe, and Baler head.

55732 Convenience Center

147 Truck Drivers A supervisory role was created within the line item to delegate some of the workload. This person would be supervising around 10 employees. Mr. Sallee will still be the director of the departments.

207 Insurance \$588/mo. We are only keeping up with the cost of insurance.

718 Motor Vehicles Current vehicles are nearing their end of life. Current roll off is a continuous maintenance nightmare as it needs attention every 2-3 weeks. Asking for a Western Star \$230,000. Would like to move away from the Mack trucks. Two year lead time; *order today, delivery would be in 2025.*

790 Backhoe Current backhoe is also nearing end of life. Hydraulic lines are failing, several leaks throughout. Committee is appreciative of the hard work

Motion by Ford to use \$397,500 of ARPA funding for the Roll Off, Pick Up Truck, and Backhoe and send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Atwood
MOTION CARRIED
w/o opposition

55751 Recycling Center

Baler head requested at \$25000.

Dennis asked about the Sales of Recycled materials revenue. Sallee said he had 5 tons out for sale, but have not seen the income from this as of today. The estimated revenue for FY23 will increase once this is received.

Motion by Ford to use \$25,000 of the ARPA funding for the baler head and to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Atwood
MOTION CARRIED
w/o opposition

55759 OTHER WASTE DISPOSAL

Disposal fees charged by the Smith County Landfill. Amount of waste has been increasing annually. Still locked into the 5 year tipping fees of \$37 per ton. However the growth of residential areas within the County means more waste being taken to the landfill. Mr. McFarland offered that we do take the leachate from Smith County and charge them for the services. There is a definite give and take relationship in this area with Smith County.

Motion by TB Gregory to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Ford
MOTION CARRIED
w/o opposition

55770 POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS

Two landfills at the end of Gammons Lane. We continue to maintain these areas. Inspections have been passed each year. We are required to test quarterly. It's possible this could be lessened within the next year. There is some confusion on the state level as to how the landfills are listed in their system. Sallee is working with the state to get this corrected. State is satisfied with the current conditions.

58400 OTHER CHARGES

No comments

Motion by TB Gregory to send 55770 and 58400 to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Atwood

MOTION CARRIED
w/o opposition

FUND 111 URBAN SERVICES

55731 Waste Pickup

Not at a full staff at this time. No concerns were noted at this time.

Motion by TB Gregory to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Ford

MOTION CARRIED
w/o opposition

54310 Volunteer Fire Department

FUND 101 COUNTY GENERAL

Interim Chief Mark Beeler presented requests for the volunteer fire department. Several equipment pieces are being repaired and maintained. His main request is for a Brush Truck to replace the new one totaled in December 2022. Unfortunately, the insurance recovery will not cover the purchase of a new truck. Mayor McCall opted to keep the damaged truck and attempt to repair to a serviceable vehicle. Blankenship may be able to straighten the damaged chassis. Beeler would like to take the insurance recovery combined with ARPA funding to order a new truck for a total of \$245,000. Lead time is about 6 months to a year. This vehicle would come partially equipped. There are hoses, radios, rakes, etc that would need to be added to the truck. 7:31pm watch video for truck models.

Would like to have two brush trucks in the fleet to assist with the numerous brush fires. There are more brush and grassland fires than structural. It would also lend to the idea of satellite stations for a truck to be stationed away from the main station.

790 Other Equipment – Turn out gear is approximately \$3,200 a set. Proposing \$30,000 for 9-10 sets.

Received a grant for \$11,400 for thermal camera and 6 SCBA bottles.

Motion by Ford to use \$126,000 of ARPA funding toward the purchase of a brush truck and to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Atwood

MOTION CARRIED
w/o opposition

FUND 111 URBAN SERVICES

Still have fire expenses in urban services due to the way the urban district was set up through the 2001 Charter. Residents within the urban services do get some benefits in their home insurance.

790 – Asking for SCBA bottles, extension ladders, and certify current SCBA bottles to come from the Urban Services funding.

Motion by Ford to revise final department total to \$9,500 and send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by TB Gregory

MOTION CARRIED
w/o opposition

Notice – the May 11 meeting will be at the Water & Sewer Department conference room at 7pm. Urban Services Council will meet at 5:30pm on Monday, May 15.

Motion to adjourn by Ford; seconded by Dennis,