

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gerald Waltrip at 5:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present – Council members Paterson, Cumberledge, and Melonis. Also present Mayor Waltrip, Temp Clerk Barbara Barrick and Deputy Clerk Lisa Ruehle. Council member Schomer arrived late.

Absent – Council member Corcoran.

1. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Paterson to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Carter Lake Lounge. Ayes: Unanimous.

2. Budget Workshop. Barbara Barrick indicated that the worksheets have been updated. There was discussion starting with the Administration budget and includes making the Clerk's Assistant position full time as well as painting in the Police Department, computers and IT switchover from the County. It also includes \$10,000 to be used to offset the resource center programs that have been discontinued and may be included with Boys & Girls Club memberships. There was discussion of the lake harvester and where the funds for that are included. Barbara indicated that we stand with about \$245,000 to \$250,000 to be cut with a target balance needed of \$165,000 for the general fund. The Police Department budget was discussed with the Police Chief Shawn Kennedy. Per capita it was determined that the cost per citizen to have a Police Department is \$178. We are currently carrying the cost of the police officer that was under the COPS grant. Council member Paterson suggested that the City Attorney look at whether the last council could extend the Police Union contract as they did. There was discussion of the needed for new cruisers. The Chief also explained what the STEP grant was and that it is done on a reimbursement basis. There was also discussion of defibrillators that are in various City buildings and those will need to be looked at for replacement at some time in the next couple of years. The Fire Department budget was discussed with Phil Newton. There was discussion of discontinuing Water Rescue and Phil Newton asked that they talk with the Fire Chief Eric Bentzinger before doing anything. They have put in for an Iowa West grant for equipment which is a match grant. The Animal Control budget was discussed and the need to tighten how we collect fines and release animals. The Mayor will talk with the Police Chief and Animal Control Officers. Barbara Barrick stated that the Iowa Dept. of Administrative Services can help with collection of unpaid fines and fees. The Library Budget was discussed with Theresa Hawkins the Library Director. Barbara Barrick stated that for budgeting purposes the wages were put in at the Union rate for now. The Newsletter has some cost to them for additional ink and paper for those copies that are printed. Barbara Barrick stated that she still needs to check with the auditor's office on the Hotel/Motel tax. The Iowa code says that 50% has to go for recreation, cultural, entertainment, etc and it is believed that we said 10% would go to the Library and 40% would go to Parks. The Parks Department budget was discussed. There was discussion of trucks, the soccer field at the school, ballfield lights and playground equipment as well as wages. There was discussion of the Building & Housing budget with the Building Inspector. There was discussion of whether the position should be fulltime or not and how much work there is to do in the Department. The Senior Center budget was discussed with Linda Tice the Director. Barbara indicated that she may not have figured in all the wages for the people in

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that Department. There was discussion of a copier and they will take the one that the Resource Center had. Also discussion of the buses we have and it was indicated that SWITA can also provide transportation. The Citizen's Patrol item was taken from the former Resource Center budget and will be included in miscellaneous. There was more discussion of the Administrative budget. There was discussion of the Road Use Tax, Water & Sewer budget with Ron Rothmeyer the Maintenance Supervisor. About 30% of the wages will be put in the water and sewer departments and the rest in Road Use Tax. There was discussion of the vehicles requested and re-roofing the Maintenance building. Also discussion of relining sewers and it was determined that this will be done with a bond issue. The bonding company will be contacted about that. Part of the money for street maintenance is for street repair and part for paving roads in Wavecrest Park. There was discussion of a boat ramp at Wavecrest Park. There was then discussion of wages in all departments. The Mayor suggested that everyone review them and we can make a decision at the next meeting. The next meeting will be February 24, 2016 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lisa Ruehle, Deputy City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor