

The Board of Commissioners held a work session, Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to work on the FY 2013-14 Budget. Commissioners present were Gerleen Pitchford, Terry Newsom, Jimmy Kearney, Clara Debnam and Heidi Hogan.

Mayor Bobbitt called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm and stated the meeting was for budgeting and Commissioner Hogan wanted to discuss getting some places cleaned up.

Mayor Bobbitt advised the Police Department had submitted a budget request of \$210,198, but it would actually be more than that due incorrect figures turned in for 401K, insurance and retirement. The corrected figures were discussed, as was the availability of part time officers and increasing the police force to three full time officers, and adjusting some line items. Commissioner Hogan requested seeing a breakdown of the police officers' salaries and the Clerk left to make copies. Discussion continued and the Clerk returned. Mayor Bobbitt stated there would be three officers and Commissioner Kearney stated there had not been a vote yet. Commissioner Pitchford advised there was a difference of \$24,000 between the budget she had put together, \$186,077 (two full time officers), and the Police Departments request of \$210,198. Insurance would increase that request another \$15,000. Further discussion included how much fund balance had been spent in years past to balance the budget, what the actual fund balance was, and unemployment security payments to the State still needed to be added to the budget. To make up the funds needed for unemployment insurance, Commissioner Kearney agreed to give up \$150 in miscellaneous maintenance and one cemetery mowing from his In going through the Library budget it was brought out the lease/rent payment for the Library was in the wrong line item and insurance for the new Library had been omitted. It was agreed to budget \$3,000 for Lease/Rent and \$1,856 for Insurance. Mayor Bobbitt agreed to reduce Street Department materials \$200. Buildings Part Time Salaries and Social Security were reduced \$107. Comp time for the Clerk was discussed and Administration telephone line item was reduced \$100 and \$100 added to Miscellaneous, Petty Cash. The board also discussed which organizations to keep in the budget, cutting Town Hall hours, and the difficulty getting part time officers. The consensus was to use the budget presented with the line item adjustments as the working budget. (A copy of the revised budget is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.) A Budget Public Hearing was discussed and the consensus was to hold the public hearing Monday, June 3, 2013, at 6:15 pm, prior to the regular June meeting,.

Commissioner Hogan advised she had someone from the work service program working on trifolds for Library donations.

The board discussed dilapidated buildings and keeping properties mowed. Commissioner Hogan asked fellow commissioners to call one of the property owners on her list.

Mayor Bobbitt advised she had contacted John Mork, UCPCOG, about amending a few ordinances. She suggested picking five to work on. She was going to invite merchants to a meeting for a Merchants Association, and the ones she had talked to were excited. Mayor Bobbitt went on to say it was her understanding that Bingo Parlors were against the law unless operated in conjunction with a nonprofit organization, it was volatile as to whether towns would be able to charge privilege licenses for game rooms (internet), the Clark's building was going to be a dog grooming business, Mr. Hux was still planning on opening his business and someone was interested in opening a bakery.

The board discussed using community service to pick up trash in Town and calling property owners on Commissioner Hogan's list of properties needing mowing or cleaning up. Mayor Bobbitt advised the Fire Department was going to ask for a raise and the board discussed holding the merchants meeting at Lakeland Theater.

Commissioner Kearney made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to adjourn at 2:45 pm. The motion was voted and carried.

Clerk