

CITY OF MARSING
COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
July 23, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Mayor James Ferdinand called the meeting to order.

Mayor James Ferdinand, Councilman Marie Herman, Councilman Jolyn Green and Councilman Tony Malmberg were present. Councilman Chris Even was absent. Staff members present were City Clerk/Treasurer Janice Bicandi and Public Works Supervisor Philip Gibson.

Mayor Ferdinand went over the General Fund. It had a beginning balance of \$472,765.00. The Mayor explained to Councilman Malmberg that there were a couple of line items that weren't correct in the current year which were due to how the accounts payable were coded. Some of those items won't be corrected until the annual audit.

The Roads & Streets Budget was discussed next. Its beginning balance was \$70,000.00. The Property Tax line item will have a 3% increase. Salaries will be increased 3% in all funds.

The beginning balance in the Park Fund was \$60,000. Once again there will be a 3% increase in the Property Tax line item. There will be \$15,000 allotted for garbage cans and tables. Originally Gibson asked for \$3,000 for trash cans and \$10,000 for tables.

In the Planning and Zoning Budget, the beginning balance was \$40,000.

The Water Budget will have a beginning balance of \$834,476. There will not be a 3% increase on the utility bills for water and sewer but there will be a 3% increase in irrigation fees. Professional Fees is used for money paid to the City Engineer and City Attorney. Purchased Services is also for engineering and legal fees but includes other purchased services. In Governmental Accounting, both Professional Fees and Purchased Services need to be line items.

Mayor Ferdinand said that Gem Irrigation indicated they would be increasing their rates by 5%. The City of Marsing will increase irrigation rates by only 3%. There will be another 3% increase to irrigation rates next year. The beginning balance in the Irrigation Fund will be \$10,000.00.

There was a beginning balance of \$90,000 in the Sanitation Budget.

The beginning balance in the Sewer Budget was \$730,752.

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Councilman Malmberg asked Philip Gibson what the cost of his new piece of equipment was. Gibson said the total cost was \$72,000. Gibson said if it was split between four cities, the cost would be \$18,000 apiece. Mayor Ferdinand said he wasn't a fan of sharing equipment but was a fan of another City buying the equipment and Marsing renting it from them.

Janice Bicandi asked about getting new carpeting for City Hall. Mayor Ferdinand said that the carpeting could not be pulled up without asbestos abatement. Councilman Malmberg thought that some of the tile underneath the carpeting had already been removed.

Mayor Ferdinand said that there was going to be Building Fund line item which is where the money from the sale of the property to AMVAC will be placed. Building maintenance could then be done without having to open the budget.


Mayor Ferdinand opened the bid from AMVAC for the property located at 410 Simpkin Lane. The bid was for \$90,000.

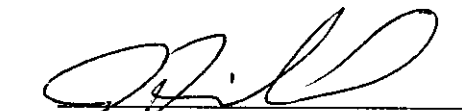
Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Tony Malmberg seconded to accept the bid for the AMVAC property located at 410 Simpkin Lane for \$90,000. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.

Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Tony Malmberg seconded to approve the FY2018 – 2019 Budget for Publication as amended. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.

Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Tony Malmberg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:


Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk/Treasurer


James Ferdinand, Mayor

DATE: August 8, 2018

