

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a budget work session at The Depot - Lone Elm Room on February 27, 2019.

Mayor Gover presided and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Mayor Gover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Dave Cox, YEA Commissioner Sandra Graven, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Preston Owen, and YEA Mayor Tim Gover.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Kyle Gill, Finance Director/Treasurer Beth Wright, Public Works Director Dean Barber, Police Chief Jason Taylor, Deputy Police Chief Sam Gaines, Arts & Tourism Director Angelia Burgett, Park/Lakes/Cemetery Superintendent Kurt Stretch, Information Technology Director Brian Johanpeter, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gover opened the floor for Public questions or comments with no response.

The City Council and City Staff reviewed budgetary items in preparation for the FY20 Budget.

Director Barber reviewed the Projected Fund Balance of the MFT Fund; and explained the MFT and STU (Federal Aid Funds), expenses, and IML's request for products needed for community for speculative future grants. Next, he reviewed the Projected TIF Fund, expenditures and Long-Term TIF Fund Strategy. Director & Treasurer Wright expounded on the quantification of the TIF share which is diverted from the City to the TIF in each TIF. Director Barber described some money making improvements in TIF. He continued with a review of the Capital Improvement Fund and its Long-Term Strategies including sidewalk participation program, a potential sidewalk grant program, Sarah Bush Connect, and Marshall Avenue sidewalks from TIF fund. Finally, Director Barber reviewed the Water Projected Fund Balance, Water Capital Improvement projects and Target Balance followed by the review of the Waste Water Treatment Projected Fund Balance, upcoming projects in the Capital Plan, and Target Balance. Council and Director Barber discussed the TIF.

Council recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

Administrator Gill with input from Director & Treasurer Wright presented a five-year projection, using averages due to PTELL; explained the reduction of unrestricted cash ending in 2022 if things remain the same; and reviewed the FY20 Budget Summary with a \$619,999 deficit after moving some items from FY20 to FY19. Council discussed cuts and future expenditures. Administrator Gill and Director & Treasurer Wright explained the need for succession planning, the six IML proposals of pension reform including eliminating PTELL provisions for levying the pensions, and HB824 which allows municipalities to implement a one percent safety tax without referendum.

Administrator Gill opened the floor for questions and noted there was only personnel left to cut. Mayor Gover opened the floor for additional questions with no response.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to recess to closed session at 10:25 a.m. for discussion of the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the City or legal counsel for the City. (5ILCS 120 (2)(C)(1)).

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Owen, and YEA Mayor Gover.

Council reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourn at 10:48 a.m.

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Hall, NAY Commissioner Owen, YEA Mayor Gover.

/s/Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk