

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 30, 2017

Charles City City Council met in a budget session on January 30, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor James Erb presided and the following council members were present: Keith Starr, Jerry Joerger, DeLaine Freeseaman and Dan Mallaro. Michael Hammond was absent.

Mayor Erb commented that IC School had asked him to read a proclamation at their Catholic School week celebration but it has not been presented to council. He asked if council had any objections to this and consensus was it was okay to proceed.

Various outside agencies were present to request funding for FY18. Charles City Area Development Corporation director Tim Fox presented a request of \$42,000 funding. He reported that he anticipates an increase in the labor participation rate for FY17. He gets his prospects for our area from North Iowa Corridor and stated that IEDA averages 2-3 applications each month now. ADC is also hoping to do strategic planning in FY17. Council member Joerger asked what the status is for our certified site process and Tim replied back that we do have a site in mind and it meets the greater than 50 acres requirement.

Mark Wicks, Community Revitalization director, presented a funding request of \$24,000. For the past 15 years their request has been \$21,000 so they felt an increase was in order. They have recorded 2000 volunteer hours the past year and our program continues to be in the very top of the Iowa Main Street Communities. The community gardens project was very successful and they now have 24 plots available for the public to rent. They are working with the city on a way finding sign program and were successful in garnering a \$4500 match grant for this effort. They are in the process of getting the vintage street lights painted and continue to oversee several successful community programs/events such as party in the park, chili cook-off and others. Mayor Erb asked if they have done strategic planning and where are we at with plans for a community center. Mark replied that a center is in the top 5 of community projects and for now, they are working on the way finding signs which are also at the top of that list. He continues to stay in contact with state level employees to stay abreast of any grant funding opportunities.

Mary Beyerhelm Huey from Crisis Intervention Services was present to submit a request for funding of \$1,500. They have added a couple new programs this year and last year helped 18 adults and 27 children in Charles City get housing. They also presented 21 education programs last year.

Patty Staudt, chair of the Floyd County Community Foundation, and Marcie Andrews, development specialist, were present to submit a request of funding for FY18 in the amount of \$10,000. This would go mainly for the salary of the development specialist and cost of promoting educational events and materials. They are very happy with the progress Marcie has made in growing their endowment fund and in getting the word out on their mission. They participated in the party in the park events and other various educational endeavors to make more people aware of their endowment fund. Council member Freeseaman asked if they would ever become self sufficient and response was that the regional foundation we are affiliated with frowns on the use of endowment funds for salaries so Marcie writes grants and tries to access other programs for funding of the salaries. They have also formed a transfer of wealth committee to focus on area farmers estate planning to help grow their funds. Last year's request was \$7,500 due to a change in their fiscal year, it was shorter so they didn't require as much funding.

Charles City Arts Center had submitted a request of \$3,000 for FY18. No one was present.

Yolanda Hardin, representing Big Brothers/Big Sisters, presented a request for funding in the amount of \$1,500. They currently have 30 matches in Floyd County and their goal is 65. Upcoming fund raisers include the Full Moon 5K and the duck race over the 4th of July. The demand for mentors continues.

Dean Tjaden, representing the Floyd County Historical Museum, presented a request of \$5000 for FY18. Had a pretty successful fund drive last year and are looking to raise \$50,000 this year. They average 100 visitors a week at the museum and continue work on expanding the Salsbury exhibit.

Cable Fund budget reviewed. For FY18, the second phase of a feasibility study is planned at an approximate cost of \$45,000. There is no scheduled increase in the payment to the school for FY18. They have just recently started recording the supervisor meetings and airing them on Channel 4 and those costs should be covered with the amount that is budgeted for now. But there may be some discussion in the future about a sharing agreement with the county for these costs.

Public Housing budgets reviewed. One line item that will need changing is the tort liability line due to flood insurance being required by HUD. Also budgeted is a purchase of vehicle to replace the Nitro. Section 8 fund is at 79% funding right now. We have the enhanced vouchers from Comp Systems which brings our total available to 208, but we are at only 175. The capital funds for 2014, 2015 and 2016 will be used up by the end of FY17 for the handrail project, computer replacements and changes at the Morningside playground. Some will also be used for window replacements at South Cedar Terrace. 2017 Capital Fund has not been awarded yet, but when it is, it will be used for sidewalks, flooring and vanity replacements at Morningside.

Foster Grandparent budgets discussed. Advisory fund is where fundraising monies go from selling afghans, cookbooks and the like. For the FGP operating fund, plans are to get a used van from NIACOG as they have done before. There are some fluctuations here in in-kind volunteer pay due to a change in reimbursements for meals.

City Administrator Diers reported that he is working on the General Fund and has inserted the full requests for the outside agencies that were presented tonight and we will see where that fund balance ends up and go from there. We will do a quick review of the General Fund after the February 6 regular meeting to discuss any changes that council wants to make. Once we get the General fund finalized, we will review the entire city budget at the next planning session and get it finalized and ready for the public hearing on the FY18 budget.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

James A. Erb, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk