

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
APRIL 12, 2021 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

1. Call To Order

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Committee Members – Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, and Riddle.

Absent: None.

Quorum present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Doug Brimm, Accounting Manager/Treasurer Linda Sharp, City Engineer Chris Smith, Director of Community Development Scott Dunakey, Chief of Police Jason Donjon, Deputy Chief of Police Karla Heine, and EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht.

2. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Mr. Brimm began the discussion of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

The following was reviewed for the General Fund broken out by department:

Administration

- 6.64% increase
- Tyler Technologies accounting software and resident portal
- \$447,500 transfer to the Ambulance Fund

Police

- 4.17% enforcement fund increase
- 2.47% dispatch operations increase
- Purchase of two patrol vehicles - \$69,000
- Upgrade all in-car radios - \$54,674
- Fill vacancies of three officers and add one additional telecommunicator

Department of Public Works

- Street Department 0.64% decrease
- Replacing tandem dump truck replacement and repairs to the Caterpillar loader

- Street/Sidewalks drainage projects 47% increase – concrete replacement program, 50/50 sidewalk program, Valley Drive culvert replacement project, pavement striping program

Community Development

- Combining Community Development and Building and Zoning into one line item. Increase of .28%
- Adding a City Planner
- Absorbing the former EMA Truck loan

Park Fund

- 4.83% decrease
- Replace Front Mount Mower
- Projects – Metter Walking Trail replacement/repair, seal the GM&O Trail, and Centennial pavilion sidewalk replacement

Park Improvement Fund

- 5.16% increase
- Projects - replace Lions Pavilion at Bolm-Schuhkraft Park, seal tennis court with a geotextile fabric system, reseal tennis court # 2 at Bolm-Schuhkraft Park, and water fountain at Lions Pavilion

Ambulance Fund

- 10.77% increase
- Supplemented \$447,500 from the General Fund
- Possibly hire one full-time employee
- Replacing the Chief's vehicle and one ambulance

Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund

- 6.83% decrease
- Decrease in Receipts
- 20% Increase in Materials/Supplies

Garbage Fund

- 1.41% increase
- Decrease in Refuse Collection Contract
- Garbage Fund is funding a portion of the Finance Software

Library Fund

- 3.89% increase in Library Operations Fund
- 26.07% increase in Library Building Fund

- Equipment: 2 computers, Building Repairs/Knox Box Project, and New HVAC and Façade Repair
- Library Board and Library Director Annette Bland prepare the Library's budget

Capital Development Fund

- 3.54% increase
- Projects: Comprehensive Plan, Wilson Hill Drainage, Bolm-Schuhkraft Connector Trail Construction, Quarry Road Phase 1 & 2 Engineering/ROW Acquisition, Centerville Rd Phase 1, Carl Street Bridge ROW, Valmeyer Rd Improvements,
- GM&O Trail Improvements, and Old Bluff Rd/DD Road

Tourism Fund

- 30.71% decrease from last year

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund

- 14.22% decrease
- Projects: Carl Street Bridge Replacement and Valmeyer Road Improvement
- Closing out this fiscal year

Water/Sewer Operations Fund

Water:

- 3.55% decrease
- Projects: Fence at Wecker Pump Station, water main repair (Cahokia, Glenwood, Ghent Rd to Daleview), Quarry Road Water Main (Timber Rock Estate, Palmer Creek Dr. to Fr. Scherer Dr.)
- Equipment: Water Meter Replacement Continuation, replacement of utility truck, tandem dump truck, and mini excavator

Sewer:

- 7.02% Increase
- Equipment: upgrade lagoon alarm/controls, Weber Lift Station, replace tandem dump truck

Mayor Ebersohl opened up the discussion to any questions from the aldermen. The following topics were discussed with a brief overview:

- TIF
- New hires
- Upcoming projects – whether to contract projects out or within current personnel
- Grants

3. **Other Items to be Considered or Discussed**

Mr. Brimm announced the salary and fee ordinance will be presented for approval at the April 19th Council meeting and asked the Committee to convene on April 26th for a special Council meeting solely to approve the budget.

4. **Adjournment**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Riddle to adjourn the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:50 P.M. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, and Riddle voted aye. **Motion Carried.**

Minutes written by:



Chairman Gene Ebersohl
Committee of the Whole



Kelly Mathews, Deputy Clerk