

**City of Morehead**  
**Minutes of**  
**Special Meeting of Board of City Council - Budget Workshop**  
**January 27, 2021 8:15 AM**  
**Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) - Room 322**

The Board of City Council of the City of Morehead, Kentucky met in special session on January 27, 2021 at 8:15 AM in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) - Room 322 for a budget workshop.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Laura White-Brown called to order the January 27, 2021 special meeting of the Board of City Council at 8:15 am.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Attendance**

Present Council Members:

Ms. Jan Bishop  
Mr. Michael Kash  
Ms. Beth Ousley  
Mr. David Perkins  
Mr. Glen Teager  
Mr. Jim Tom Trent

**4. Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor White-Brown explained that she would like all of Council's input on the budget this year and will schedule more meeting like this.

**5. Budget Discussions including Revenues, Expenses, & Capital Requests**

**5.a. Administration**

**5.a.1. Budget Allotments to Other Entities**

The Mayor began by discussing expenses for the Administration Department. There was a discussion started by Councilman Perkins about the need for updated financial software. Many expense items were discussed to be left unchanged at this point. The Ambulance Service funds given to the County were discussed and it began with \$100,000 contribution and has grown to \$188,000. The TIF Increment will not have to be paid to the Downtown TIF until that is activated.

It was discussed funds to the Airport Board and the Economic Development Council need to be justified.

At 8:56 am Councilman Trent stepped out.

There were discussions that the Entertainment District Center funds should increase each year and that a landscape architect should be hired to come up with a design.

Councilwoman Ousley stepped out at 9:04 am and returned at 9:09 am.

There was continued discussion of the Battson Oates seating area. Additionally, there will need to be funds for signage, the first round of cups and the annual license fee. It was discussed to amend this year's budget to \$100,000 for this area. By March/April we need more permanent seating, lighting, planters, possibly a tent. An amendment to the noise ordinance was also discussed.

Mayor White-Brown advised she would like to increase the allotments for DOVES and the Homeless shelter from \$2,500 each to \$5,000.

#### **5.b. City Planner**

Mr. Rodney Fouch didn't have any suggestions for budget increases but did discuss some future software needs. Also, Fouch would like to have a system in place for trash pick-up reminders. Mayor White-Brown proposed adding a part-time code enforcement officer to assist. Councilman Perkins discussed the City would eventually need their own GIS personnel.

At 9:42 am Councilman Teager stepped out.

#### **5.c. Fire Department**

Chief Anderson had no expense changes, but presented capital items that were removed from the current budget to next year.

At 9:48 am Teager returned.

The part-time staff for Fire was discussed. Chief explained it has been a great success and would like to increase that to 10-hour shifts. It would help with peak times.

#### **5.d. Public Works Department**

Public Works Director Greg Jones had no expense changes as well but presented capital from this year to next.

Councilman Trent returned at 10:02 am.

Jones did explain that the trash truck would be a priority on his list. There was discussion led by Councilman Teager whether contracting out some services, such as sidewalk repair, would benefit his department or not.

We had a break from 10:08 am to 10:23 am.

Mr. Jones discussed a plan to supply tipper garbage cans to all residences to make the trash collection safer. He has a sample trash can at the garage for anyone to look at if they like. The monthly bill would need to increase around \$2/month to cover the cost of the cans.

#### **5.e. Police/911 Department**

Chief Derrick Blevins presented capital items that were removed from this year. He also added computer equipment for the new building. There was discussion the contingency funds in the new buildings budget could possibly cover those costs, but also some shelving. There was discussion of the need for a “sign-on bonus” to attract trained officers. There was discussion of a contract for dispatchers which would be between the employee and the City.

#### **5.f. Recreation Department**

Recreation Director Matt Hamilton presented capital items. He cut out staff vehicles as previously requested, except for 1 truck to handle the inmates when they are working. A mower is desperately needed. There was discussion of the need for splash pad fencing. Hamilton also requested a basketball shoot away machine. Hamilton discussed putting an emphasis on sports programs and presented the idea of having a commissioner for each sport. There was discussion of moving Brayleigh from Recreation to City Hall to help with social media.

At 11:02 am Teager stepped out and returned at 11:03 am.

There was discussion of having a dedicated senior center; possibly Peggy’s Place. There was discussion about coordinating with Heritage Place on senior events. It was proposed the Rowan County Arts Center could use their funds from the City to offer the seniors some programs.

Councilwoman asked the status of Wetherby gym. Hamilton advised it needs a new roof. There were discussions if we paid for a roof if we would be reimbursed. It was also mentioned any change of use at Laughlin is very limited. No after school programs or daycare per the Fire Marshall.

#### **5.g. City Projects**

No other projects were discussed.

### **6. Budget Ideas and Suggestions**

#### **6.a. Councilwoman Bishop**

Bishop had no other discussions at this time.

#### **6.b. Councilman Kash**

Kash had no other discussions at this time.

**6.c. Councilwoman Ousley**

Ousley had no other discussions at this time.

**6.d. Councilman Perkins**

Perkins had no other discussions at this time.

**6.e. Councilman Teager**

Teager suggested that Tourism report quarterly at the Council meetings instead of monthly, but to provide their monthly packet. Teager also asked a zone text amendment to be looked at to address density issues. There was discussion as to what to ask the Planning Commission for specifically in the zoning amendment.

**6.f. Councilman Trent**

Councilman Trent suggested looking at the old middle school football field since we no longer have the use of the Community Fields for recreation.

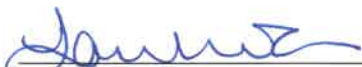
**7. Adjournment**

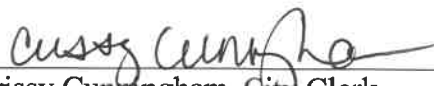
The meeting was properly adjourned at 11:44 am.

Board of City Council  
Morehead, Kentucky

Approved by City Council  
on February 8, 2021

ATTEST:

  
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Laura White-Brown, Mayor

  
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Crissy Cunningham, City Clerk