

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**JULY 10, 2018**

Jean Soine called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Other members present were Len Gilmore, Elliot LaBeau, Belinda Ludwig, Finance Specialist; and Renee Eckerly, City Administrator. Also present was Paul Wegner, Police Chief.

**Motion was made by Gilmore to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2018, April 3, 2018, and May 29, 2018 Budget and Finance Committee meetings. Seconded by LaBeau and unanimously carried.**

**MAYOR & COUNCIL WAGES & PER DIEM**

**Motion was made by LaBeau to have no increase for Mayor or Council member wages or per diem and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Firefighter pay is currently:

Call Rate	\$10.00	per hour (minimum 1 hour – dispatch in and out)
Meeting	\$8.00	per meeting
Training	\$10.00	per training
Truck Training	\$10.00	per training
School Training	\$8.00	per credit

Eckerly will check with Tom Fordyce to see what surrounding communities pay. The last increase was prior to 2006.

**Motion was made by Gilmore to increase the following:**

- call pay from dispatch out/dispatch in to \$12.00 per hour
- regular and truck training to \$12.00 per hour
- meetings to \$10.00 per hour
- school continual education to \$10.00 per credit

**and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by LaBeau and unanimously carried.**

Eckerly will bring back fire department officer history.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Wegner presented the police department's budget:

- Increase \$30,000.00 for K-9 unit, donations will off-set these costs
- Increase \$3,000.00 storage unit annual rent – create an impound fee to off-set this
- Increase training \$2,500.00 with new officers – Wegner has a grant for 3 officers to attend Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

- Wellness program \$5,000.00 – to maintain good physical, mental, and spiritual health. For example to go to a professional mental health representative to talk and take the pressure off. Twice a year at \$1,500.00. It was questioned if the City's health insurance would cover it and the City pay the co-pay. Wegner did not think it would be covered because there is no diagnoses. This project is in its conceptual stage.
- Police wages have decreased due to Elfering retiring
- There are some revenue increases in the budget as well

The Willmar Police Department has a K-9 squad that needs some equipment that could be used for a couple of years because Willmar is getting a new squad. It's a 2009 car for \$1,500.00. The department has budgeted for a new K-9 squad for 2020-2021. Fread is getting some equipment for free for this squad. All items purchased would fit in a new K-9 unit. The 2011 squad will be sold as it has 120,000 miles on it.

### **2019 BUDGET**

The 2019 Budget will be distributed as soon as possible.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Motion was made by LaBeau to set a Special Budget & Finance meeting for Friday, July 27, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. as members are not available on August 7, 2018. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.