

**BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE  
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
May 6, 2014, 5:00 PM**

PRESENT:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor
	Mark Thompson	Mayor Pro Tem
	DJ Bott	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Tom Peterson	Councilmember
	Brian Rex	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Jim Buchanan	Emergency Services Director
	Dave Burnett	Public Power Director
	Jared Johnson	Community Development Director
	Paul Larsen	Economic Development Director
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Derek Oyler	Deputy Emergency Services Director
	Tyler Pugsley	Public Works Director
	Jason Roberts	Finance Director/Deputy City Recorder
	Paul Tittensor	Police Chief
EXCUSED:	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson conducted the meeting.

Capital Projects

The following projects are in the budget.

- 1) \$20,000 for water system upgrade.
- 2) \$10,000 for facade grant funding.
- 3) \$14,000 for Discovery Park playground equipment.
- 4) \$40,000 match for a grant for a study of the general plan and the zoning code.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson asked if there are any projects that the directors are concerned about not being in the budget. Mr. Roberts said the EMS requested some fire apparatuses that the Fire Department was concerned did not get in the budget.

Facility Fund

Mr. Roberts said there is \$300,000 budgeted for improvements to buildings. One of the project in the budget is new rooms for housing employees at the EMS. There are currently three rooms with six people staying every night. If there are an odd number of males and females this is an issue. The EMS Department would like to move this to the current budget and use some of the balance from the facility fund so this can get started before July 1. There is currently \$700,000 in the facility fund.

Another project in the budget is new HVAC at City Hall estimated at \$145,000-\$200,000. This does not include the roof, which also needs to be replaced. Reroofing is estimated at \$45,000.

Councilmember Peterson felt that \$285,000 is high for these two projects. He recommended that any remaining balance be put back in the facility fund.

New Police Officer - Chief Tittensor explained the need for another police officer. This would cost approximately \$68,000 including benefits.

Rate Increases - There is a 5% electric rate increase and a 2% municipal energy tax increase (MET) in the budget. The MET increase will bring in \$275,000. Mr. Roberts said this will cover the salaries in the Fire and Ambulance Divisions due to the recent changes in those departments and cover the funding of the facility fund. These are both ongoing expenses. Councilmember Jensen asked what the property tax increase would be to bring in the same amount as the MET increase. Some citizens would rather have a property tax increase so they can claim it on their taxes. Mr. Roberts estimated it would take a 50% property tax increase to bring in the same amount as the MET increase.

The Council scheduled another Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 5:00 PM.