

Hildale City Council Meeting

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale, Utah 84784
Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Present:

Mayor: Donia Jessop
Council Members: Stacy Seay, JVar Dutson, Jared Nicol, Maha Layton, Lawrence Barlow
City Recorder: Vincen Barlow
City Manager: John Barlow
Staff: Christian Kesselring, Nathaniel Barlow, Weston Barlow, Dean Cooke, Leonard Black, David Boshard, Mariah La Corti
Public: Joan Barlow, Mayor Allred, Vance Barlow, Brian Jessop

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jessop called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Vincen called roll. Quorum present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jared Nicol led the crowd in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Public Hearing on Proposed FY2019 Budget

Vincen thoroughly explained the budget adoption procedure.

John Barlow presented. In preparation for the budget, John and Vance met with each of the department heads. He explained that things on the budget are categorized into people, operations, and capital improvements. John feels that a city's priorities can be seen by reviewing the budget. He proceeded to walk the council through the proposed budget, with a line by line explanation. Councilmembers were provided a packet with last year's budget for reference.

When estimating the budget, numbers as conservative as possible are used. Prior year actual is audited numbers for FY2017, current year anticipated is what is anticipated to be received by the end of FY2018, and future year anticipated is what is conservatively budgeted for in FY2019.

John said that due to the changes happening in the community it is likely that the budget will need to be reviewed monthly, possibly with more, budget hearings and amendments.

The County gives the City the amount for the property tax. There is a dispute as to whether Hildale can collect the taxes on the 911 center which is physically located in Arizona. Research needs to be done on this.

John anticipates applying for and receiving a grant from the County.

JVar questioned a lot about roads. Stacy pointed out the State code which states that the municipality government has sole maintenance of the class “C” streets.

The county is very interested in bringing tourism to Hildale and has given information on a number of grants we can apply for and likely receive. Maha made it clear that grant deadlines need to be prioritized to assure we do not miss out on anything.

Industrial lot revenues were not budgeted for because there are no projected sales. Those funds have been assigned to improve infrastructure near the industrial lot.

There was some discussion on fire department services, revenue and expenses.

The UEP owns Cottonwood Park. If they would like to pay Hildale to maintain it that would be a revenue, then the expenses for such would be an expense. This was put on the budget in case the city decides to make a contract with the UEP. John discussed this possibility with the director of Public Works and City Manager of Colorado City who feel that this endeavor should be solely Hildale, they see no reason to be involved at this time.

There was a long discussion and explanation on the anticipated moving of funds from the capital project and general funds. In order to balance the anticipated expenses this year, the funds would have to be reallocated from another fund. It is up to the council to set the budget priorities. There was concern about if those funds were previously committed to anything (i.e. The Industrial Park); the previous administration may have made a verbal contract.

Discussion on compensation began. John feels that whatever you are willing to give to an employee, you will get in return. The National average amount for Health Insurance was budgeted in. John will work with Vance to come up with a proposal and as many options as possible for the council to approve regarding healthcare. Compensation is partly where the funds would be reallocated to, based on the council’s priorities. Maha expressed her feeling that hiring people that will invest in Hildale will bring in the revenue to cover the expense of paying them. A long discussion proceeded back and forth between the council members regarding compensation. Jared pointed out that the City has a budget that they have to stick with. Lawrence gave input that this amount is not set in stone, it is having the capacity in the budget to allow the raises if earned. John clarified that the changes in salary would be immediately recommended. It is his opinion that you will get what you pay for. JVar stated that he will not approve anything until we have the revenues to match. Jared recommended that we have a tier oriented plan for raises.

A detailed explanation on the Judgment Resolution fund was given. Colorado City pays 55%. The remaining is split two ways between Hildale City and Utilities. Mayor Allred informed the council that the court monitor was only \$4,000 last month, so there is hope that this amount will continue to decrease.

The Risk Management fund is paid into to offset some legal risk. For now, this entire amount goes to Colorado City to resolve some settlement costs that Colorado City fronted. If we continue to pay the amount we are, we have three more years of this.

IGA's specify what Hildale pays regarding police. Mayor Allred explained that in past years if Hildale cannot pay the amount outlined in the IGA, they have discussed lower amounts. Calls taken by the police office are often proportionately 2/3 Colorado City, 1/3 Hildale, in relation to the population. Discussion was had regarding the Chief of Police appointment. Mayor Allred outlined the requests made by the individual to be appointed. Weston added that we will need a line item included for the Abbott Building charges.

For transparency, John explained that if he did not know what a grant was, he took it off of the budget. If a Director applies for a grant, a budget hearing can be held to make the correction.

When asked, Vance clarified that the Arizona Strip Landfill is owned by Colorado City and Fredonia. Hildale collects all of the utilities, including solid waste as a convenience to the customers. Hildale pays the landfill a fee for their services; they pay us a percentage for doing the billing/collecting the funds.

Jared referenced his concerns with compensation. He would like to look into repayment to the capital improvement fund if we proceed with the reallocation. He would further like to look into when the salaries go into effect and to have a procedure in place as to how raises happen.

Capital improvements is money that is set aside over a timeframe to purchase new equipment or land. There was not anything on this line item in the proposed budget, JVar requested we put some funds there.

Community Outreach Department is completely revenue based. The Outreach Department thus far is a huge success.

For Utility Department funds John will sit down with the Utility Department to come up with more specific numbers. A meeting will be held next Tuesday to approve a final budget for Utilities.

Mayor Jessop opened the floor to the Public for questions or comments. Mayor Allred mentioned a discrepancy for the energy & use tax. Utilities use in the community is down a lot, he thinks the anticipated amount should be reduced. As far as zoning & subdivision fees, he thinks the anticipated number is dreamy, but we need an offsetting expense to match it if it is there. There was an error in the spreadsheet on the Community Outreach Department that will be corrected.

JVar Dutson moved to close the Public Hearing.
Lawrence Barlow seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Lawrence Barlow	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		

Motion carried.

5. Consideration and possible action on Proposed FY 2019 budget.

Jvar Dutson moved to approve the preliminary FY2019 budget numbers with the requested changes.

Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Lawrence Barlow	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		

Motion carried.

6. Consideration and Possible action on Ratifying Contract for Fiber Optic

This item was tabled.

7. Consideration and Possible Action on Memorandum of understanding with Washington County School District for Facility Use

The school district is offering use of their facilities, as they are available, but in return will require that we sign a memorandum of understanding. Council was provided a copy of the memorandum to review. The insurance that we have does cover what they want.

Jvar Dutson moved to accept the memorandum of understanding as facilitated in the agreement.

Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Lawrence Barlow	X		
Stacy Seay	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		

Motion carried.

With no other business, meeting was adjourned at 9:11 P.M. and the work session was reconvened.

I verify that a copy of the notice and agenda was delivered to the Mayor and City Council members and posted at the City Hall, 320 E. Newel Avenue, Hildale, Utah and sent to the Utah State Public Meeting Notice coordinator.

Minutes were approved at the City Council Meeting on June 20, 2018.

Vincen Barlow

Vincen Barlow, City Recorder

