

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORK MEETING
MAY 23, 2019, 4:00 PM
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT:

**Mayor Pro Tem Jimmie Hughes
Councilmember Michele Randall
Councilmember Ed Baca
City Manager Adam Lenhard
City Recorder Christina Fernandez**

EXCUSED:

**Mayor Jon Pike
Councilmember Joe Bowcutt
Councilmember Bette Arial**

OPENING:

Mayor Pro Tem Hughes called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The invocation was offered by Water Services Director Scott Taylor and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parks Manager Shane Moore.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ENERGY SERVICES BUDGET:

Budget and Financial Planning Manager Deanna Brklacich provided a handout summarizing the budgets to be discussed at tonight's meeting. Energy services is requesting a rate increase of \$1.00 per month for residential customers over the next five (5) years.

Energy Services Director Laurie Mangum explained they completed a cost of service study last year and compared base rates to other power companies. The proposed increase fits the ten-year model. She stated the base rate covers staffing costs.

Financial Planning and Budget Manager Deanna Brklacich explained they are requesting six (6) new positions; she outlined the requested positions which were recommended by the City Manager.

The Council discussed the tenure of employees in the Energy Services Department; many of them will be retiring soon.

Financial Planning and Budget Manager Deanna Brklacich explained outlined large projects included in the recommended budget for Energy Services, some of which are carryovers from the current year.

City Manager Adam Lenhard noted the Energy Services Budget is the same amount as the General Fund Budget; however, citizens are getting a phenomenal value when you compare rates to other power companies.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LEISURE SERVICES MASTER PLAN AND PARK STANDARDS AND FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 LEISURE SERVICES BUDGET:

Steve Duh with Conservation Technix and Leisure Services Director Shane McAfee presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: Presentation topics; What is the Master Plan?; Building on past plans; Steps to building the plan;

Community engagement; Community survey; Core themes; Key project recommendations; Park facilities; Population growth estimate; Proposed park standards; Water Master Plan map; Key project recommendations; Capital project planning; and Next steps.

Financial Planning and Budget Manager Deanna Brklacich explained how the Leisure Services budget is broken out. She outlined the proposed budgets, including staffing and projects.

A discussion took place regarding the open area across the street from the Dinosaur Museum.

Financial Planning and Budget Manager Deanna Brklacich noted there were three (3) projects in the recommended budget with a zero amount to bring the Council in on the discussion. These projects are: renovations of the pickleball courts and pathway lighting at Vernon Worthen Park, Black Hill View Park, and the food truck area at Town Square. Due to the dollar amounts, she recommended using general capital project funds from savings incurred from previous fiscal years rather than general funds.

The consensus of the Council is to fund Black Hill View Park and the pickleball court renovations first.

Mayor Pro Tem Hughes called for a short recess.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WATER AND SEWER MASTER PLAN AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 WATER SERVICES BUDGET:

Water Services Director Scott Taylor presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: Water & Sewer Master Plan updates; Existing level of service; Growth/population projection; Where will growth occur in the next 10 years?; 10-year capital facilities plan; 10-Year growth model results; Buildout growth system evaluation; Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan; Secondary irrigation; Sources of secondary irrigation water; Currently secondary irrigation use and Reuse plant; Secondary irrigation; Secondary irrigation storage; Option #1 – status quo; and Option #2 – secondary irrigation required in new development.

Financial Planning and Budget Manager Deanna Brklacich explained the Water Services budget increased by 28%, most of which is projects and capital outlay. She outlined requested additional positions, \$.10 rate increase in water rates, projects, and bonds in the Water Services, Wastewater Treatment, and Wastewater Collection budgets. She handed out a list of projects the Council indicated they would like to make priorities at the budget strategy session in December, 2018.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER:

No reports were given.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.