

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 AT 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. Call to Order

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation of 5 Year Plan – Tom Olinger, ABDO.

Discussion Points:

Three-Person Police Department

Capital Improvement Plan

2015 and 2017 Street & Utility Improvement Projects

Medical Center Lease Revenue

- a) Worksheet of Proposed Expenditures
- b) Sidewalk Plan

3. 2015 Preliminary Budget & Levy Discussion

- a) Projects/Items the Council would like to see in the 2015 Budget
- b) Council Tax Levy Goal for 2015/Preliminary Tax Levy

4. Preliminary Budget Resolution Presented at 9-15-14 Council Meeting.

5. Adjournment

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., Mayor Kreft presiding.

Members present: Mayor Kreft, Jaszewski, Nuesse, Reetz, Ruehling, Wills

Members absent: None

Also present: City Administrator Donabauer, City Auditor Tom Olinger (ABDO), Police Chief Danner, Kurt Menk

The following items were discussed in detail:

1. Presentation of 5 Year Plan – Tom Olinger, ABDO.

Discussion Points:

- Three-Person Police Department
 - Capital Improvement Plan
 - 2015 and 2017 Street & Utility Improvement Projects
 - Medical Center Lease Revenue
 - a) Worksheet of Proposed Expenditures
 - b) Sidewalk Plan
2. 2015 Preliminary Budget & Levy Discussion.
 - a) Projects/Items the Council would like to see in the 2015 Budget.
 - b) Council Tax Levy Goal for 2015/Preliminary Tax Levy.
 3. Preliminary Budget Resolution Presented at 9-15-14 Council Meeting.

No action was taken. Adm. Donabauer announced that two errors were identified in the preliminary line item budget worksheet, hence the proposed levy increased to 12.52%. Tom Olinger, ABDO, presented the five-year plan assuming a General Property Levy Inflation of 3% and a consistent transfer amount into the Capital Improvement Fund (\$165,000) for the next five years. Olinger briefly discussed the impact of an additional police officer and upcoming construction projects. Olinger recommended the City consider extending bonds from 15-year to 20-year bonds. The Council discussed the proposed scope of the 2015 and 2017 projects as previously presented by Jason Femrite, Bolton & Menk. The Council directed Adm. Donabauer to schedule a meeting by the end of September with City Engineer Femrite to discuss the scope and timing of the projects and review the televising results.

The Council discussed how to use the proceeds from the Medical Center Lease Revenue Fund. The funds are to be used for healthy living initiatives; therefore, the Council discussed using the funds for sidewalks, trails, ambulance, subsidizing a Community Ed/Rec Program, and a portion of the bond payment relating to the sidewalk portion of street/utility improvement projects. In conjunction with that conversation, the Council reviewed a preliminary draft of a Sidewalk Inspection Plan.

The Council discussed their goal for the Preliminary Tax Levy at the next Council Meeting to be 6%.

Motion by Jaszewski, seconded by Nuesse, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

City Administrator Liza M. Donabauer

Mayor James R. Kreft