



CITY OF PATASKALA
COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 2014

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in special session on September 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM in City Hall, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Fox, Hayes, Barstow, Sagar, Hickin, and Gibson-present. Lenzo was absent. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding.

Mayor Compton stated, "The purpose of this special meeting is for the discussion of the 2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and identification of goals and objectives for the 2015 budget."

Citizens' Comments

Eileen DeRolf addressed Council these comments as well as Council's comments are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

New Business

BJ King, City Administrator indicated that what he hopes to accomplish this evening was to get direction from Council on the goals and priorities for the upcoming budget.

James Nickolson, Finance Director concurred with Mr. King and explained the budget process noting the plan was for the directors to take ownership of their portion of the budget. He noted that approximately 11-13% of the appropriations are for debt service.

Hayes indicated he would like to see the city get the most bang for their buck by purchasing any needed equipment to take on as much of the work as possible in-house. Hayes supported finishing up some of the small projects left over from the previous years.

Mr. King agreed with Mr. Hayes that finishing these projects should be a priority.

Mayor Compton agreed that any large projects would require most of the available funds and it might be wise to save as much as possible for the upcoming large projects.

Fox supported getting the small projects done but expressed concerns about how long Heavens Corners Road would last. Fox also expressed a desire to refrain from putting any more money in

Parks and Recreation until the infrastructure is addressed. Fox also suggested considering a small levy for parks.

Barstow noted that approximately \$391,000 was requested in the CIP last year for parks.

Mr. King recommended letting the Parks Board meet and have an opportunity to address their priorities.

Hickin indicated he would like to see minimal work to bring Heavens Corners Road and Summit Road up to passable condition.

Mr. Nicholson explained the Enterprise Fund for Utilities.

Bruce Brooks, Chief of Police reported on the benefits of adding a Detective Sargent position. He explained this position would be filled from within at an approximate cost of \$67,568.

Fox expressed concerns about using carryover funds to run the Police Department.

Sagar asked if this would be a promotion from within. Chief Brooks indicated that it would be.

Gibson asked how the use of the income tax dollars was presented during the campaign for that tax. Mr. King explained that it was to be used to fund the Police Department and the Street Department but that there was nothing legally binding that held Council to that.

Hayes reviewed the past history of the income tax.

Fox made it clear that he had no criticism of how Bruce Brooks was running the Police Department.

Barstow hoped this discussion has been helpful for Council as we move through the budget process.

Fox noted that last year the Utility Committee reviewed the Utility Budget with Mr. Coey and found that to be very helpful to understand the appropriations being suggested.

Hayes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Barstow. Roll Call: Fox, Hayes, Barstow, Sagar, Hickin, and Gibson-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved September 15, 2014.

ATTEST:


Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council


C. Daniel Hayes, Council President