

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES WERE ADOPTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 MEETING OF  
THE MANDEVILLE CITY COUNCIL. MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2018  
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The budget work session was called to order by Council Chairman Madden at 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** John Keller, Laure Sica, Clay Madden, David Ellis: Mike Pulaski

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Villere, Frank Oliveri, Finance Director; David deGeneres, Director of Public Works, Paul Harrison, Asst. City Attorney, Chief Sticker and Louissette Scott, Planning Director

Mr. Madden stated the council has finished the capital budget, but has not voted on the ordinance. They need to finish the operating budget tonight. Mr. Pulaski commented there are a few capital items to review before voting.

**OPERATING BUDGET:** Mr. Oliveri commented he has updated exhibit "D" based upon council comments from prior meetings. He gave a review of the general government accounts with the following notes.

Line 60 – DMV: Mr. Oliveri stated we pay the rent but also receive revenue from the office. Mr. Pulaski stated we still receive revenues from citizens who don't even live in Mandeville. Mr. Oliveri confirmed this is a result of the consolidated offices from Bobby Jindal's administration.

Line 63 -Legal fees will be higher. Mr. Madden inquired about Mr. Deano, is he on retainer. Mr. Oliveri stated all legal personnel are on an hourly basis. The mayor commented Mr. Deano will retire June of 2020.

Line 70- telephone. Mr. Madden inquired why this has gone up 48%, was this new software. Mr. Oliveri stated we have more features in the new system, some provide for disaster recovery.

Line 72 – Insurance – Last year we under estimated insurance and insurance rates continue to increase. We have spent \$25K in premiums already.

Line 81 Parks & Parkways – We budget money for anticipated projects, however, many projects are not completed and will rollover into the next budget cycle.

Line 95 –Humanities- Mr. Madden would like an email of the breakdown of what nonprofits the City contributes money towards. Where are some non-profits? Mr. Oliveri stated some are in social services and some have their own line item. He will provide a breakdown and where they are in the budget. Humanities had decreased to zero because the organization no longer exists.

Line 111- Contract Labor- This is for contracted consultant services such as CLURO changes consultants. All others like accounting, attorneys, those fall under Professional Services. Salaries and wages are used for contract labor that would have been used for a paid employee position that is vacant.

Line 113 – Garbage collection – Mr. Ellis inquired about the increase. This is based upon the contract and number of households. This is billable and we collect the money back.

Police: budget is close to last year except for the money for the additional SRO's. If this is done on contract basis the school board would pay the money directly.

Streets: Health insurance has increased for retirees. Last night civil service is recommending adopting a vesting schedule for new employees for both police and non-police employees.

Line 200 –Cemetery. There are 10 sites which need work and families will be notified. Mr. Madden inquired if we have money for a new mausoleum. Mr. Oliveri stated this is part of the process they are working on.

Mr. Pulaski wants to discuss the Hwy 22 Fire Station light project. There has been lost of discussion and there was talk of splitting the cost with other entities. He is opposed to the city paying the entire \$250K, Mr. Ellis agrees. Mr. Ellis is fine with a cost share but he feels this will not happen and Mandeville will foot the entire bill. He does not see a significant change. Mrs. Sica will propose the city pay 25%. Mr. deGeneres stated the state and parish will not participate. The mayor commented this usually falls to roadway maintenance and if the state says they don't have the money, the local city will participate. The mayor feels this is a real safety issue especially with the expansion and this is a small price to pay for fire response time. Mr. Ellis is in favor of the Hwy improvements but does not see this as the same need. The road expansion is going out to bid in November and project start date would be next year. Mr. Keller feels this is a benefit for both so why not make it contingent upon a 50/50 split. Mr. Pulaski stated we keep hearing it's a benefit to Mandeville but has anyone seen a cost benefit analysis? Mr. Ellis is having a hard time saying this is the only safety issue; there are neighborhood safety issues. The mayor commented those have been looked at and it is not in the city's purview. Mr. Pulaski made a motion that the city will pay for 25% of the flashing light; seconded by Mrs. Sica. Mr. Ellis supports a cost share considering the FD fund balance and safety issues. Mr. Keller would be in favor of 50/50 split. A vote was taken and the contingency fee was approved 4-1 (Keller against)

Mr. Madden ended the budget hearing and will start the regular council meeting after a short break. The budget meeting ended at 5:55pm.

  
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Council Clerk

  
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Council Chairman