

**Rising Sun City Council
Special Meeting/Budget Adoption
September 20, 2018
6:00 PM City Hall**

Call to order/Pledge

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Brent Bascom.

Prayer

Councilman Dennis Williams offered prayer for the evening.

Determination of Quorum

A determination of quorum was made by Clerk Treasurer Gipson with the following Council members in attendance: Swede Colen, Sheena Graham, Bud Radcliff and Dennis Williams. Councilman Bill Marksberry was not in attendance as he had been taken to the hospital possibly overheated. Attorney Baudendistel was also not in attendance.

Minutes

There were no minutes to address at this meeting.

Mayor Bascom informed all Officer Jason Turner who was hired last year has resigned and took a position in Aurora. The Board of Works met Monday and approved advertising for applications. There was some discussion about the academy schooling. Councilman Williams questioned if the City could ask for repayment of the classes if they didn't stay employed with the City for a certain period of time. Mayor Bascom stated we are still researching the hiring, but his initial thought is this has been researched by the County level and he is not aware that they have done this.

Ordinance 2018-6-- Budget Adoption 2019 Budget

Clerk Treasurer Gipson presented Ordinance 2018-6 (Budget Form 4) to Council and Mayor Bascom. Gipson stated as we have discussed for the last 2-3 months all these expenses are just estimates of 2019 expenditures. This is Council's budget and can all be revised upon Council action and change of circumstance.

Gipson stated the 2019 Budget Request is \$198,088 more than last year but this includes an additional \$225,000 for the Crossing Grant Match Fund—which pretty much makes us even with last year. Gipson informed Council and Mayor Bascom again as stated at the past several meetings --Maintenance and Repairs in the past few years have caused us a lot of additional expense. The pool and the parks dept have both been hit hard with maintenance issues as have the PD and just the general city budget. Mayor Bascom stated we have some HVAC issues at City Hall and the Medical Center Bldg. and the Senior Building was built near the same time. Gipson stated the Park Budget is very

tight. It takes \$200,000 to operate the Park Budget—and this is bare bones. Their budget has been \$212,000 for many years—so it gives very little cushion for any additional repairs. In less than 3 years the Park Board has had to spend accumulated cash of nearly \$21,000. There is just very little additional revenue to work with if there are any surprises. It may be time to talk to the County about splitting these maintenance costs—but that’s your call. Gipson noted the Police budget is also always tight and there were some adjustments for health insurance with the potential new hire when the Administrative Assistant retires calculated in the proposed budget. The Street Dept Budget was increased for an additional employee which they have operated without for nearly 10 years.

Councilman Colen questioned if the proposed budget was in line with what was requested last year. Gipson stated it was. Councilman Radcliff questioned where expenses for repairs for Heritage Hall were taken from. Clerk Treasurer Gipson stated there are appropriations in both City Council and Main Street Budgets. Councilman Radcliff said he thought there were issues with the air and heat. Gipson stated she is not aware of any issues with Heritage Hall expenses. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Radcliff to approve the 2019 Budget with the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2018-6, 2nd by Councilwoman Graham; motion carried 3-1 with Councilman Williams being against.

Keystone Maintenance Contract

Clerk Treasurer Gipson informed council this contract is for the municipal software used by the office and is necessary to operate the city. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Williams to approve the 2018/19 contract with Keystone for operations, updates, and maintenance, 2nd by Councilwoman Graham; contract was approved 4-0.

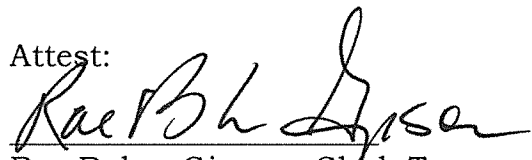
Dates to Remember

November 30, 2018 City Christmas Party at Rising Star Casino
November 13, 2018 City County Riverboat Budget Meeting

Adjournment

With no further business before Council; a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Radcliff, 2nd by Councilman Williams; meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Attest:



Rae Baker Gipson, Clerk Treasurer



Brent Bascom, Mayor