

Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided background information on how the calculation was made to determine the maximum lifespan of equipment. He noted that the lifespan of equipment is weighed against maintenance costs and trade-in values.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that perhaps seasonal equipment could be rented at a lower cost.

Public Works Superintendent Riemer replied that some of those items would not be available for rent and stated that in the case where equipment has been rented, the cost is often higher.

Mayor LeTourneau stated that is an example of the level of thought that staff has put into the budget to optimize the lifespan of equipment.

City Administrator Ulrich stated that some adjustments will be made to the budget, noting that a higher-level police officer recently retired and therefore that adjustment will be made as an entry-level position will replace that position and would provide a cost savings.

Mayor LeTourneau acknowledged that two Council members are not present tonight and therefore while this has been a good discussion, those members will have input as well.

Finance Director Lund asked for clarity on what she should present at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

City Administrator Ulrich stated that he suggests that the staff recommended budget be presented, as it was tonight and if there are additional comments from the Council those could be made at the meeting.

Councilmember Riley stated that he believes that the increases are too much and the decisions in this budget will have an impact on next year's budget. He stated that the personnel increases and bond sales will be built into the budget for next year and will provide a sizable increase to the budget without even discussing additional items that may be requested.

Mayor LeTourneau stated that property values and additional homes and property constructed in the next year is also unknown.

Councilmember Riley stated that he would also like to see an option presented which removes the three positions and reduces the budget by an additional \$47,000.

Mayor LeTourneau stated that the alternative should remain open and based on discussion rather than being that significant.

## **2.02: Review Administration of Enforcement of City Code Violations**

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember Riley stated that he agrees with the recommendation of staff. He stated that he has not heard that the City's approach is poor in that the City is doing too little or too much. He stated that the only comment he has heard is the process and length of the process in that one specific case. He stated that if a problem has been identified and the property owner is aware of the problem, the process should be quicker.

Councilmember Shryock agreed that this is a good start but stated that she would like to have one more discussion on the topic. She stated that the one case that had been brought forward in the past had a concern with the length of the process. She stated that the City has taken the approach of primarily only addressing complaints and if prosecution is escalated too quickly in some cases, the City should be mindful of the complaint-based approach.

Mayor LeTourneau agreed that this is a good start, but further discussion will be needed.

**3. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

**3.01: Review Future Topics/ Calendar**

Noted.

**4. MAYOR / COUNCIL / STAFF INPUT**

None.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

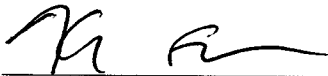
The Work Session of the City Council was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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