

KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 12, 2021 – Work Session

The work session meeting of Kirtland City Council commenced at 6:32 p.m. Council members present were: Scott Haymer, John Lesnick, Richard Lowery, Jeffrey Ruple, Matthew Schulz, Joseph Smolic and Kelly Wolfe.

Mayor Kevin Potter, Law Director Matthew Lallo, Assistant Finance Director Louis Slapnicker and Service Director Joseph Fornaro were also in attendance.

Mr. Slapnicker advised that Ordinance No. 21-O-41 amending the 2021 appropriation is on tonight's agenda. Referring to the detail summary provided to Council, Mr. Slapnicker advised that the total increase to the appropriation is \$172,084, which is broken down by fund. He noted that the largest increase is to the General Fund in the amount of \$145,999; there are significant changes resulting from personnel hirings, resignations, etc. Some of the increases were offset by decreases in the salary line items, although not dollar for dollar. He noted there have been several unfunded resignations and retirements resulting in separation payouts and increases in part-time hours to cover those lost hours. He stated that of the \$145,999, approximately \$66,000 relates to personnel.

Mr. Slapnicker stated there is a \$6,000 budget adjustment from special revenue for the Fire Department since there were not enough funds in reserve. He noted there were also adjustments in the Service Department based on where labor occurred. Some of the increase in Service wages were offset by other Departments, although not dollar for dollar.

Mr. Slapnicker stated that other significant items in the General Fund include a \$25,000 amendment for pickleball, funded with part of the sales from the Charlesderry property. He stated there is also an increase of \$21,500 for complex legal issues.

Mr. Slapnicker noted that commodities, utilities and fuel are all increasing, resulting in an increase of approximately \$17,000.

Mr. Slapnicker noted there is a small adjustment of \$3200 for the senior/recreation levy, and there is an increase of \$1620 for the SCMR fund. He explained the adjustments to the Senior Citizen Fund 225, noting that the City applies for reimbursement from Lake County. He noted there are small increases to the Wastewater Treatment Funds, due to increased costs for utilities, along with some required pump repairs/replacements.

With regard to the effect on the carryover balance, Mr. Slapnicker stated it is to be determined, but these amendments need to be in place first. Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Slapnicker requested that the legislation amending the appropriation be adopted at tonight's meeting.

In other matters, Mayor Potter noted that former Mayor Podojil passed away; there are calling hours tomorrow and the funeral will be held at Divine Word.

There was no further discussion, and the work session meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. upon the unanimous consent of Council.

President of Council

Clerk of Council