

**COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:
BUDGET SESSION ONE**

Council Chambers 9-11am

Thursday, October 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Kevin Stokes called the meeting to order at 9:06am.

ROLL CALL

Present were President Stokes, Vice President Gavin DeVore Leonard and Council members Brian Housh, Marianne MacQueen and Carmen Brown. Also present were Interim Village Manager Johnnie Burns, Police Chief Paige Burge and Finance Director Amy Kemper.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Kemper explained her approach to the budget discussion process and explained the status of the current 2024 budget.

Kemper noted that the budgeted loss for 2023 was approximately 2.9 million dollars, and 2024's projected loss is currently estimated at 1.9 million dollars.

Kemper reviewed projected revenue and expenses as well as cash flow for 2023 at a high level.

Kemper noted that while the Village is ahead in terms of revenue position as of September 30, that is primarily due to unexpended salary/benefit dollars.

Kemper explained that she has constructed this budget more tightly than was done in 2023, which will likely lead to a need for more supplemental ordinances over the course of 2024 as projects arise, but which covers currently identified needs.

Kemper asked for direction on several items as follows:

- Renovation of 201 South Walnut Street (\$50,000)
- Pass-through of \$95,000 for police barricade grant
- Techadvisors/electronics upgrades \$20,000
- Quarterly Newsletter from VYS \$10,000
- Broadband \$50,000
- Affordable Housing \$52,000
- Paid Parking Concept Development \$25,000
- Economic Development/Strategic Planner \$75,000
- Basic Income Pilot Project \$25,000
- Full Time Communications and Parks and Rec. Director Positions \$40,000
- PD Shift Differential and Academy Recruitment \$23,000
- Train Station Grounds Maintenance \$0.00
- Light Up Navajo Nation Project \$20,000

Discussion of the above budget items was held, with dollar amounts assigned as at least placeholders as above.

Stokes noted that the Village should consider salary increases for PD as well as several Public Works positions to increase competitiveness with other municipalities.

Council expressed general agreement with a 3.5% COLA for 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11am, MacQueen MOVED TO ADJOURN. Brown SECONDED, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

Kevin Stokes, Council President

Attest: Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council