



## **City Council Meeting – Feb. 1, 2021**

### **Council Questions & Public Comments**

Before each Committee of the Whole or City Council meeting, questions that have been posed by the City Council relating to [the agenda](#) for that evening will be posted to the City's website. Below are the responses to this week's questions. In addition, we have included all public comments that were received in advance of the City Council meeting. Please note, "fiscal year" will be referenced as FY in the document.

### **Staff Responses to Council Questions**

#### **Agenda Item 10. Municipal Bills for Payment**

##### **1) Wills Burke Kelsey, \$5,639**

*Q: What is the Union Pacific Railroad license agreement?*

*A: This is a design engineering service preparing the engineering drawings and specifications to install water, electric and fiber facilities underneath the Union Pacific Railroad. This work is necessary to secure the license agreement with Union Pacific that will connect the recently dedicated public utility easement along the south side of State Street (Route 38) south to the Southeast Master Plan just west of 33W239 Roosevelt Road. The design has to incorporate three City utility crossings as well as the design of Union Pacific's third main line and the design of Southeast Master Plan infrastructure.*

#### **Agenda Item 12. Presentation of Ordinances, Resolutions, Petitions, Bids**

##### **a) Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2021-03 Adopting the FY 2022 City of Geneva and Tri-Com Central Dispatch Budgets.**

*Q: What are the changes from the proposed Jan. 11 budget to the current version?*

*A: There were three changes from the proposed Jan. 11 budget to the current version:*

- 1) The General Fund - budget increased by \$20,000 to account for the \$10,000 transfer to the Beautification Committee Fund and the \$10,000 transfer to the Cultural Arts Commission Fund. These transfers received consensus by the City Council to be added to the proposed budget at the Jan. 11, 2021 Special Committee of the Whole meeting.*
- 2) The Restricted Police Fines Fund - There was an agenda item to come before the City Council at the Jan. 19 Committee of the Whole to purchase two vehicles out of this fund (along with a budget amendment for FY 2021). Unfortunately, the deadline to purchase from the state contract had passed, and the item was pulled from the agenda. The vehicles cannot be secured until after April 30, 2021 (the end of this fiscal year); therefore, the Restricted Police Fines Fund has been updated to reflect the purchase of two vehicles in FY 2022.*
- 3) Special Service Area No. 1 – The engineering for repairs to the Rainman Statue was originally budgeted in line item 820 (Machinery & Equipment). It should have been budgeted in line item 815.05 (Improvements Other than Buildings). This correction was made.*

*Q: As it was discussed that the 37th police officer will likely not be hired until later in the year, November or December, and the budget assumes a May 1 hire date, is the budget for police personnel costs overstated?*

A: The proposed budget includes the same number of police officers that was adopted in the current fiscal year budget. No changes were made from the Jan. 11 proposed budget. Although there was much discussion regarding the 37<sup>th</sup> officer at the Jan. 25 Special Committee of the Whole meeting, no motion or consensus was made to change the proposed budget. If a change to the budget is desired, a motion to amend may be made this evening.

The budget is an estimate of anticipated expenditures. In comparing budget to actual for the past four fiscal years (FY 2017 – FY 2020) for sworn police officer personnel expenditures (wages, overtime, benefits), the actual amount expended has been within 1% of the budgeted amount (sometimes over, sometimes under). The net difference for all four years was \$4,621 over the budgeted amount. FY 2021 was not included in this analysis since the year is not yet complete.

*Q: On page 48 of the packet, the City portion of the tax bill needs to be added. Both the percentage and fraction of a dollar.*

A: These figures will not be known until Kane County releases the final property tax levy rates for all taxing bodies (typically mid-March). The information will be completed before publishing the final budget document. It is estimated the City portion will be close to 6%.

### **Public Comments – No Public Comments relating to this meeting**