

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

December 12, 2005

Special Meeting

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Saxton, at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 4035 Broadway. Roll was called and the following members were present:

Bob Hatley Maria Klemack Bill Saxton Rich Lester

Mr. Radi arrived at 5:40 p.m.

The Chair recognized Mr. Hatley, Chairman of Finance.

1. Mr. Hatley opened the floor for discussion of the 2005 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Council and Administration reviewed the Estimated Revenue Budget, the Estimated Expenditure Budget and the Detailed Expenditures for the various Departments under the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds. Each Director represented their department's budget and answered any questions from Council.

Mr. Hatley stated that he felt the Building Revenue was too low and referenced the actual revenues received over the last several years. He said the figure shown for 2006 was last used in 1998. President Saxton indicated that the Housing market is anticipating a 20% decrease next year. Mr. Hatley said this figure also takes into account commercial, but a 20% decrease from last years revenue would be \$575,000.00 and suggested using that number. Mr. Behlen, Dir. of Finance, stated that this would require an amendment at the County level and he would be able to file that request after the first of the year.

Mr. Hatley asked that the Professional Services under Community Relations be reviewed and a reduction considered as all the money appropriated last year was not used, yet a 10% increase is being requested for next year. Ms. Schlagheck, Comm. Relations Officer, stated she would go back and review those figures and make any necessary changes.

Mr. Hatley questioned the amount for gasoline and oil for police vehicles. Mr. Behlen stated he used \$3.50/gallon in computing those figures and wanted to make sure there was enough money available to keep the department moving throughout the year. Mr. Hatley said market indicators reveal that gas prices will be coming down in the New Year and requested that this figure be adjusted to \$157,000.00. The Administration agreed to this change and Council concurred.

Mr. Behlen noted that a typographical error omitted \$4,500.00 in the Court Computer Fund and Council accepted this addition.

Additional information was requested pertaining to: a. The process used for Police Overtime; b. A breakdown on the Equipment in the Information Systems area; and c. A copy of the Scope of Services for the S.R. 665 Study.

2. Council completed their review with the Capital Improvements projects.
3. The Mayor commented that this was the best budget process they have done and it was truly a team

effort.
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There being no additional questions or comments, President Saxton adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

William E. Saxton
President