

ANDOVER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Central Park Lodge – Room 2

1607 E. Central Avenue

Monday May 23, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Mayor Ben Lawrence called the meeting to order.

Council Members present were Clark Nelson, Phil White, Caroline Hale, Sheri Geisler, and Troy Tabor (arrived at 6:32) Kris Estes absent.

Staff: Police Chief Mike Keller, Fire Chief Chad Russell, Assistant City Administrator Jennifer McCausland, Public Works Director and Community Development Director Les Mangus, Chief Finance Officer Donna Davis, Deputy City Clerk Paula Babb, and City Administrator Mark Detter.

Guests: N/A

Budget – past trends and current balances

This was the first workshop related to the 2017 Budget. Mark Detter presented a PowerPoint featuring major issues to the 2017 Budget. Major projects and equipment being considered for funding are infrastructure for the Epic Sports development, funding for the initial phase of the Amphitheater, upgrade of tech equipment, fire and police upgrades

Budget requests for two new positions, one position in fire and one in administration. Also, consideration of employee merit raises and COLA is important.

The City has a stable revenue stream. Currently each mill in Andover generates approximately \$128,000, which at 38.5 mills generates approximately \$5,000,000 in property tax per year. The Sales Tax generates approximately \$2,000,000 per 1% of sales tax. Franchise fees are now generating over one million dollars a year. The Waste Water Department is generating approximately \$2.5 million dollars a year in revenue.

The Major question with the Budget is whether the Council wishes to consider raising the mill levy in order to fund new positions and these specific projects. However, it should be clear that the ability to raise property tax revenue will be limited in the future by the tax lid and the election requirement for property tax increases.

Council President

On an annual basis the Council elects a Council President. For 2016-2017 The consensus of the Council was to keep Kris Estes as Council President.

A motion was made by Clark Nelson and second by Sheri Geisler at 6:50pm to adjourn. Motion carried 5/0.

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by

Paula Babb

Deputy City Clerk