

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**Earlham City Council**  
**Budget Workshop for FY2020**  
**January 14, 2021**

The Finance Committee of Earlham City Council met in special session for a Budget Workshop on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at Earlham City Hall. Chairperson Petersen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the following answered roll: Peterson, Frederickson, Baskin. Also present: Mayor Lillie, Clerk Hibbs, Police Chief Heimdal, Public Works Supervisor Coffman, Fire Chief Shawn Boyle, Rescue Captain Blake Boyle, Library Director Meek,

1. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Frederickson, second by Baskin, to approve agenda.**

**Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.**

2. Budget discussion

- a) Fire Dept– Shawn Boyle. Basically, same as last year, except building maintenance. Wants to paint interior of current building and add signage on the building. He stated according to rotation schedule, 2022 is time for new truck. The truck in questions is 18 years old. It is still running so he would like to keep for hauling water, equipment etc. It takes approximately two year for the whole purchasing process. Mayor asked why we needed another truck. Are we growing? Chief said we need more water for rural fires. It will also approve the ISO rating of the department. New truck will cost approximately \$300,000. Chief said he might have a chance at acquiring a used truck.
- b) Rescue Dept – Blake Boyle. Basically, same as last year, except, because of COVID-19, the cost of supplies has gone up. Capital expenses included funds for new pagers and replace radios.
- c) Library – Justina Meek. Basically, same as last year. Meeks explained pay raises.
- d) Police Dept – Chief Heimdal. Line for part-time increases due to two new part-time officers. Also requested 5 pole cameras and software at \$8,000 to be placed on Chestnut and at the City Park.
- e) Community Building – Clerk Hibbs. Hibbs spoke with Board Chairperson Faux. Due to the CB being closed for much of the year due to COVID-19, the budget will remain the same as last year
- f) Public Works – Gary Coffman. Coffman requested a new public works building. He split this out with park, rec park, cemetery and Gendler Park each paying \$7500; RUT \$130,000; Water and Sewer \$50,000 each. Concrete repair work around concession stand at Rec Park \$7,000. Discussion on budgeted \$120,000 for pool repairs. Requested \$60,000 for new snow plow truck (current truck is 1997). All other expenses remain the same as last year.
- g) General – Clerk Hibbs. This also includes Employee Benefits, LOST, Debt Service, and Projects. Hibbs stated all these expenses are relatively the same. Figures she supplied did not yet include the Lagoon Project

3. Adjourn

**Motion by Frederickson, second by Baskin, to adjourn**

**Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.**

Being there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next Budget Meeting will be Thursday, January 24, 2021.

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Jeff Lillie, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Sue Hibbs, Clerk/Treasurer