

Mayor David Sims called the special council meeting of July 11, 2017 to order at 6:06 p.m. Present for the workshop were Mayor Sims, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith, Ken Toline, and Adam Arthur, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Mike Klaus, Police Chief Vic Watson, and Fire Chief Dave Winey.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the fiscal year 2018 budget.

The group reviewed the proposed fiscal year 2018 budget for the general fund.

The group discussed the split on council and mayor expenses. The split used to be 73 percent general fund, 25 percent electric fund, one percent water fund, and one percent sewer fund. Now the proposed split is 25 percent for each fund. Council thought the change was reasonable and should be used.

Revenue was discussed for the proposed budget and also the future. Revenue is not keeping up with the rising expenses. Most of the expense in the general fund is related to wages and personnel costs.

Mayor Sims would like to advertise the City through a better website.

Mayor Sims said council needs to look at police vehicles and the cost of buying and maintaining them. Ron Smith said when he was the Sheriff, he wanted each deputy to have a vehicle at home so they would be available for quick response. Rick thinks it is kind of a balancing act. Vic said officers need to be deployable from home. Vic said the police vehicles have 120,000 miles and less.

Council agreed to proceed with scenario two for a three percent cost of living increase and use the capital budget to balance the general fund if necessary.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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David Sims, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk