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Subject: Finance Committee Requesting A Short Budget Work Session Prior To Monday's, 12/10 Council Meeting - 7:00 pm, Monday, 12/10 @ Village Hall
Attachments: 2013 Appropriations - Draft 3 - Finance Final Recommendations 12-6-12.xls.xls; _Certification_.htm

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Finance is requesting a short budget work session to be held on Monday, 12/10 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall so that we can come to some consensus on the final budget prior to the 7:30 pm regular Council Meeting.

The final budget numbers are contained in the attached workbook (see the summary worksheet) but the general recommendations from the Finance Committee are as follows:

- Wait on a decision to purchase a new truck for streets until we have more staffing/need clarified in the Spring of 2013 – even if we decided to purchase a truck today we would not take delivery of it until the Fall of 2013 so it will not impact this Winter's plans either way
- Take \$100K of the \$150K that was allocated for the new truck and put it into the road program for 2013 – which would put the road program around \$250K which is about the size of a normal road program – and eliminate the other \$50K from proposed street department expenses
- Use cash balances (recent inheritance money) for three identified capital projects - \$30K cost for the new park Pavilion, \$67K for the Bell Road West costs, and \$14.5K for Cemetery Engineering

By following those recommendations we would be looking at a projected \$120K operating deficit for 2013. We have run relatively large operating surpluses the last five years in a row during some of the most economically challenging times in our history of \$161K (2011), \$542K (2010), \$158K (2009), \$172K (2008), \$324K (2007) respectively and we have been instructed by the county to begin to bring down our relatively large cash balances so this would be an effort to start doing that slowly.

We all understand that the biggest single reason for these operating surpluses is inheritance tax revenue that is now ending however, we cannot continue to sit on large cash balances with no capital expenditure plan to use them. We believe that investing in the roads, the park pavilion, and the cemetery are the proper types of capital investments to make.

We can discuss this more on Monday night and we do need to vote on a final budget at our council meeting.

We welcome the discussion and any questions that you may have.

Regards,

Finance Committee

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