

Special Budget Meeting

December 3, 2015

Station Four: Hanco of SC, Inc. was in attendance. Chairman Hitchcock stated the new station needed one heavy duty residential washer and dryer, and one washer and dryer for cleaning bunker gear. The shingled roof was discussed. The contractor pointed out a change in gutters would create an additional savings of \$7,600, if a shingled roof is chosen. The contractor will return with more information regarding both the shingles and the gutters. The shed out back and the shutters will be eliminated. The tile in the bathroom will be six feet high. The number of heaters in the bay will be reduced from three to two. The door and window manufacturer will change, but the specifications remain the same. The built in desk, counter and under cabinets will be eliminated. The interiors doors will be six feet eight inches as opposed to eight feet. In the tool storage area, the cabinets will be omitted. The number of bollards will be decided at a later time. The door hardware will be researched further. It was approved to use sheetrock for the bay walls if it will stand up to cleaning.

Alternatives to trench drains were discussed. The contractor will report back with detailed information. The pull down stairs to the attic were discussed. The contractor will send over specs for another option. The generator enclosure will be omitted. The structural posts on the front porch will be 6 x 6. The bricks on the entry porch column will be eliminated, but the knee wall will remain. The wall to the closet in the bathroom will be eliminated. Alternate landscape plans were discussed, including different irrigation, and different types of plants. The irrigation will remain as originally planned. The original specifications for the plumbing fixtures included American Standard. The contractor will forward the information for alternatives to the architect. The kitchen was discussed, and whether the appliances should be residential or commercial. The current truss design allows for storage, the alternative design does not. The attic trusses will be eliminated over the bay and remain over the living space. It was decided to go with the gabled roof. The roof on the back porch will be eliminated; the patio and footers will remain. The lighting in the bay was discussed, Chairman Hitchcock pointed out the importance was that the lights not have to warm up.

The contractor will be back at the first of the week with the requested information.

The Budget: Kay Benton asked why the budgeted amount for Contract Service Expense was so much lower than the previous year. Moe Wells explained that item and others had been compared to the previous two years actual expense. Booty Shelley followed up with the Electricity Expense. Assistant Chief Haney stated the 7.5 percent increase was reflected in the new amount. Uniform Expense was discussed, specifically, the process involved with the employee spending account.

Chairman Hitchcock noted the Capital Outlay amount has decreased with a lower down payment for Station Four. Chief Knight feels the replacement for the truck that pulls the boat can wait another year or two. A lower down payment for the pumper is also reflected.

The insurance recovery program was discussed. Booty Shelley was open to look at the program, but would like to have it presented again. The \$80,000 in the budget would remain until such time. Moe

Wells stated the medical billing income increase of ten percent is a conservative amount compared to growth in past years of twelve and sixteen percent.

Health insurance expense was discussed. The premiums for the State Health Plan are higher than the current coverage. Chief Knight noted with the State Health Plan, the District has created a more marketable recruiting and retention tool.

Moe Wells presented a salaries spreadsheet detailing the proposed raises. Chairman Hitchcock would like to see the Buy Back figure increased to account for personnel converted from part time to full time status. He also asked for employee evaluations to be done next year, in order to give merit based raises along with a cost of living adjustment. Chief Knight will fine tune the salaries budget and present at the next budget meeting.

The public hearing for the third reading of the budget will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015, and the board meeting will be held directly afterward at 6:00.

George Oldroyd made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Moe Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved on 12-14-15



Al Hitchcock, Chairman