

**CITY OF ROOSEVELT PARK
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

September 9, 2009

A Work Session of City Council was held on September 9, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 900 Oak Ridge Rd.

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Lenartowicz, Mayor Pro Tem Rod Buikema, Council Members Laura Fitzpatrick, Eric Grimm, Al Lowe, David Martin and Judy Van Westen

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Manager Dave Boehm, Police Chief Bill Regan, Building and Zoning Administrator Tim Villanueva and Treasurer/Clerk Tammera Harmsen

BUDGET 2010

City Manager reviewed the draft Equipment Fund, General Fund and DDA Fund for the 2010 Budget.

The 2010 Budget does not include funding to re-locate the ball fields at DelMar or to resurface the Community Center tennis courts. A recreation master planning process during the winter of 2010 will include Council input as to priorities.

Reduced totals in wages and benefits had a big impact on our ability to balance the 2010 budget. The DPW is currently working with fewer employees. At this time, the budget does not include funding for hiring an additional person. Services are being adequately preformed by the current crew. Winter snow plowing is a concern. An option would be to hire one or two on-call CDL licensed contractors to assist on weekends or heavy snow days.

The Police Department has seen significant saving with use of part-time officers to fill 2 full time positions vacated in 2009.

With the change in the current health care provider those costs should be less next year.

The City of Muskegon has interest in the Fire Services Agreement which is currently held by the City of Norton Shores. Their proposal is to reduce water rates to the City if they are granted this contract.

The assessing contract is due to expire with County Equalization this year. We are going to propose a 1 year extension at the cost of \$30,000. Next year staff will reevaluate their services and make a recommendation to Council as to which way to continue.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Tammera K. Harmsen, Treasurer/Clerk