

8.3.2021 Special Meeting of Vergas Parks & Rec Advisory Board 3:00 p.m. Vergas Event Center

Present: Sherri Hanson, Julie Lammers, Steph Hogan, Carol Albright, Mike DuFrane, Paul Pinke (attempted ZOOM attendance), and Tony Sailer.

The 2022 Budget was set at \$103, 255:

Wages and Salaries (100)	\$22,000*
Employer Cont./Soc. Sec. (122)	
Health Insurance (131)	
Workers Comp.	
Engineering	\$ 2500.*
Office Supplies (200)	100.
Operating Supplies (210)	7000.
Telephone	375.
Travel, meetings, school	400.
Repair & Maintenance Supplies	3000.*
Employee Clothing Allowance	200.
Printing & Publishing	100.*(Swimming Lessons)
Licenses/Permits	35.**
Insurance	5000.
Utility Services	3000.*
Rubbish Service	2400.*
Repair & Maintenance Service	2600.
City Share/Assessments	1200.
Improvements	36,000.*
Refunds & Reimbursements.	0.

The Budget reflects a 23% increase in wages and salaries due to adding back 20 hours per week for the summer months at \$12/hour.

* Indicates an increase from 2021.

** Indicates a decrease from 2021.

TOTAL \$103,255 (Increase from \$73,225 in 2021 and \$82,774 in 2020)
The proposed budget of \$103,255 was approved in a motion by Hanson and seconded by Hogan.

Discussion Items included:

1. **Big expenses** coming up: replace siding on dugouts \$1600, brush cutter \$700, shingles for dugouts \$500, replace asphalt on the trail \$17,000, replace wooden fence on the trail (no estimate at this time).
2. **Hanson will talk to the baseball team** to find out what they can contribute to the ball diamond maintenance costs.
3. **The City cannot continue to lose money** on swimming lessons.
4. **Hanson will contact OtterTail County** about setting up recycling units in Long Lake Park.
5. **DuFrane will gather information about curbside recycling services available.**
6. **Sailer will work with DuFrane to set up long term capital needs.**

7. Sailer asked if there is any chance **to set up sponsorships/advertising to raise revenue.**
8. **TIP contributes 10% of their revenue to the City.** The Liquor Store could contribute to the Parks Board but currently contributes to the General Fund.
9. **Hanson will place the following advertising on buckets** used to collect donations at the Looney Days events in Long Lake Park on Friday and Saturday nights. Donations will be used for Long Lake Park Improvements:
 - Trash Receptacles
 - Pet Waste Elimination Station
 - Picnic Tables
 - Adult Exercise Equipment
 - Grills

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in the Vergas Event Center and via ZOOM.