

**PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF ST. PAUL
FY 2016-17 BUDGET
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016
5:45 P.M. – TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Kyle Fletcher, Mayor
Kenneth Holbrook
Harry Kelly
Jason Kilgore - Absent
Tim Boardwine - Absent
Greg Bailey
Monty Salyer – Absent

Debora Baca – Town Clerk/Treasurer
Earl Carter – Public Works Director
Julie Hensley – Town Attorney

Allen Gregory – CV Times

Mayor Fletcher called the public hearing to order, stating the purpose of the public hearing is to answer questions and hear comment on the proposed 2016-17 budget.

Public Works Director and Fire Chief Earl Carter spoke on behalf of the Fire Department in reference to a new fire truck request. Mr. Carter noted that the money the Fire Department proposed to match to purchase a new fire truck was taken out of the budget, and if putting in back into the budget this year is not an option, he would like to request that it be reconsidered for the 2017-18 budget. Mr. Carter said there has been some controversy over this matter and he would like to clarify a few things. First, he reviewed the vehicle inventory of the Fire Department. The two tankers (tenders) that hauls water is a 1987 and a 1991. The main fire engine is a 1997 and the other is a 2000. The last ISO rating for St. Paul is a six and having a Class A tank capable of pumping more water would likely improve that to a four. The second issue is concern expressed by the Superintendent and Regional Project Manager of the hotel project. There are some questions and issues about the flow of water for fire protection to the hotel building. They are very interested in the amount of capacity we have in tankers because there is a possibility they will have to install tanks and a fire pump in that building if the flow doesn't meet their standards. Also, Mr. Carter said he would like to clear up a rumor that the truck the Fire Department is considering will not fit in the fire hall building. Any truck considered for purchase would have to be put out for bid and specifications would be written for that. He assured the Council that he would not write specifications for a truck that will not fit into the building. The door height is 11' 8" and it is 32' wide. The truck that was discussed previously was 31' feet long and part of that was an extension that is not necessary.

Mayor Fletcher read the synopsis of the budget for the fiscal year 2016-17. All fees, taxes, and licenses previously imposed are again levied and remain unchanged. There is a proposed water rate increase and sewer percentage decrease for the second year of the three year plan adopted by the Town Council last year. The proposed water rate for in town customers is \$12.50 for the first 1500 gallons and \$5.25 per thousand gallons thereafter. The proposed out of town rate is \$22.50 for the first 1500 gallons and \$8.75 per thousand gallons thereafter. The proposed sewer rate is to decrease from 130% of water bill to 110% of water bill.

Mayor Fletcher opened the floor for additional comments.

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There being no comments or questions, the public hearing was adjourned.

Hubert Kyle Fletcher, Mayor

Debbie Baca, Town Clerk/Treasurer