

# City of Bowling Green

## Minutes of Budget Workshop

August 10, 2017

Present: Mayor Fite, Commissioner Tucker, Vice-Mayor Spinks, Commissioner Lunn, City Manager Conerly, Deputy Clerk Silva, Chief Scheel and members of the audience.

Absent: Commissioner Durastanti

1. City Manager Conerly gave the commission a quick overview of the budget. He stated that he has covered immediate needs for all departments and the budget is balanced. Grant revenue is up 154% from last year and overall budget increased 3.77%. The budget does not include any utility rate increases this year. Mayor Fite stated that the City was awarded the SRF Loan Grants for both water and wastewater. He stated that Bowling Green received the largest grant from FDEP. Mayor Fite asked that the Chester Avenue sidewalk project be removed since it is a DOT project. Commissioner Tucker brought up concerns with the park rentals and the fees that should be charged. Chief Scheel brought up his concerns with Code Enforcement. Rental homes and their conditions were a topic of discussion. He asked for the commissioners' support and asked them to lead by example. City Manager Conerly went over Attorney Buhr's contract for services. It is either a charge of \$175.00 an hour at the rate of \$1800.00 a month for 10 ½ hours with no carry-over or a \$200.00 hourly rate for the services provided. He also discussed the difference in his health insurance rates which changed significantly. There was some discussion on whether the attorney's health insurance should be covered by the City since he is contracted. City Manager Conerly stated that he would check with other cities to see what they do. The tentative budget is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Mayor Fite adjourned the meeting.**

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Robert S. Fite Jr., Mayor

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Maria Carmen Silva, City Clerk