



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET®

WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on February 2, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Griffin, Council Members Duwe, Edman, Luetzow, Sears, Ward, and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Georgia Ragland, and City Clerk Betty Montaño.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Duwe and seconded by Council Member Luetzow to approve the meeting minutes of January 26, 2017. The minutes were unanimously approved.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT FY 2018 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Director of Electric Mark Petty was in attendance to present and discuss the FY 2018 Electric Department Budget. A Power Point was presented. Some of the issues discussed were as follows:

- A general overview of last year's balance sheet and projects was presented.
- Council Member Ward joined the meeting.
- Proposing a 2.5% rate increase this next fiscal year.
- There are only 16 circuits left to do in the Distribution Modernization Program.
- There have been 1,000 meters currently installed for the AMI project. Completion of the project is expected by June.
- Distribution System Circuit Upgrades are halfway finished.
- Traffic signal work on Kirkwood Road will have a grant reimbursement for 80% of the total project costs.
- Discussion took place regarding solar energy outreach.
- Prairie State is running at 85%-95% capacity.
- Proposed Verizon Agreement:
 - There are other cellular providers in the territory.
 - The agreement negotiated is consistent with Missouri law.
 - The fee would be consistent with the federal formula.
 - The agreement is for 25 years.

GENERAL FY 2018 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mayor Griffin asked the council what specific budget items they would like on future work session agendas. It was requested that the Sanitation Fund, employee compensation, 50/50 Sidewalk Program be placed on upcoming work session agendas for further discussion.

There being no further matters to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned

Laurie Asche, CMC/MRCC
Deputy City Clerk