

Ways and Means 1-12-15

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Discussion of 15-16 budget

Police was 1,016,000 last year, this year 1,081,000. This includes %5 plus 3% salary increases.

Library solar installation was over budget. Maybe waiting for Logan sale.

Goals for 2015: Financial policy similar to Burlington. This is something that Mike could help with.

How to make up difference in next year's budget without 1.7 million we will get this year. Hold the line of special projects.

General fund is \$96k in hole currently. Proposal from Joy to pay Mike 1/2 out of Water, half from Sewer. Melanie: We need to see rate study to determine whether we need all money for projects.

Consideration of backfill for commercial property tax reduction. We need to know from the Iowa Department of Management.

Ed: We need to monitor budgets of each department: Current year is 5 months over. Good to see where each department is in the spending. We need to know if anyone is over, or if any department's revenue is behind.

Discuss strategies for growth. Consider annexation.