

COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

**February 22, 2022 – 4:30 p.m.
4th Floor Conference Room– City Hall**

A Council work session was held to discuss the remaining 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Attending: Mayor Bill McMurray and Councilmembers Brenda Blessing, Madison Davis, Russell Moore, Brian Myers, Marty Novak, Kent O'Dell.

Bryan Carter, City Manager; Lisa Robertson, City Attorney; Laurie Tietjen, Finance Director; Kenny Cordonnier, Fire Chief; Chris Connally, Police Chief; Dawn Lanning, Systems Support Specialist; Jacob Jordan, Public Safety Network Administrator; Mary Robertson, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager; Carey McMillian, Accountant; and Paula Heyde, City Clerk.

Deputy Mayor Kent O'Dell called the meeting to order.

Bryan Carter, City Manager, said this meeting was scheduled to give City staff direction on how the City Council wishes to allocate the remaining \$200,000.00 in 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Chris Connally, Police Chief, spoke about the need to police vehicles and replacing the public safety servers at the Communications Center which are responsible for all of the software for public safety in Buchanan County and is used by Fire, Police, Sheriff, MWSU and EMS agencies. The current servers are no longer under support and nearing end of life. The cost is \$150,000.00.

[Mayor Bill McMurray arrived during this discussion.]

LaTonya Williams, Executive Director of The Bartlett Center, said they received one third of the amount they requested (\$50,000 of \$150,000) and would like to receive additional funds.

Tammy Killin, CEO of YWCA, requested \$30,000 for the agency's Healthy Teen Parents & Babies Program.

Laurie Tietjen, Finance Director, requested funds to address recommendations made in the Plante Moran audit relating to improved efficiencies in the IT and Customer Services Divisions.

Mayor McMurray and Councilmembers Brenda Blessing, Russell Moore, Brian Myers and Kent O'Dell favored using the \$200,000 as follows: \$150,000 for the public safety server and \$50,000 to The Bartlett Center. Councilmembers Madison Davis and Marty Novak agreed to the allocation of \$150,000 for the public safety server.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.