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MINUTES  
Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners  
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING  
Station 61, 7:30 p.m.  
November 1, 2016

Members present: Chairman Bloemke, Commissioner Collins and Commissioner Lothspeich.

The Public Budget Hearing called to order by Commissioner Bloemke.

Chief Taylor gave a brief presentation covering the following:

- Assessed value history and estimate for 2017 taxes.
- Levy rate history and estimate for 2017.
- Estimated property tax levy calculation for Fire and EMS.
- Projected revenue and expenditures.
- Minimum Fund Balance information.

In the budget staff will present to the Board, both reserve funds are fully restored: Fund 6257 to approximately \$100,000 and Fund 6258 to \$1,200,000. Commissioner Collins asked if the District has paid itself interest for the use of the funds. Chief Taylor responded it has not.

Jim Harrington in the audience had a question/statement regarding the 2016 revenue. Specifically, he questioned the 2016 beginning fund balance vs. the 2017 beginning balance, stating there was a \$1.5 million difference. Harrington continued he did not understand how the District could take a one percent increase considering this.

Chief Taylor explained there are a number of items the District must budget for each year and the funds may or may not be expended. For example, the District has to budget funds sufficient to cover the cost if all employees cashed out their comp time and/or sold their vacation as permitted by the CBA. Just those two could be several hundred thousand dollars. A one percent increase is approximately \$100,000.

There was some discussion among Board members regarding “banking levy capacity.” The Chair asked Chief Taylor to investigate the District’s options for banking capacity rather than increasing the levy and provide those options at the next meeting.

The Public Hearing was concluded at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Bloemke, Chair

David Taylor, Board Secretary