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Paul:

I just spoke with Donna Reese. Holiday pay is not included in the projections which is another \$60,000 plus benefits per year which brings the increase to approximately \$325,000, not \$250,000 as I previously stated.

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Paul:

I have been asked by the Fire Chief to provide you with information regarding the viability of increasing firefighters' pay to slightly above \$16/hr. Based on the projections thus far for 2023 budget, the increases for firemen pay would be approximately \$200,000 with an additional \$50,000 in overtime. We have discussed all information available and this is a synopsis of what might be expected for the next two and a half years:

- a. If Council is willing to use CARES Act money remaining (approximately \$500,000 after taking into account Council projects already approved), the Department could potentially provide up to 2 ½ years of payroll coverage. (2022- \$143,000, 2023 - \$250,000, 2024 - \$250,000). This assumes fully funding the increase for 2022 and 2023 and a partial year for 2024.
- b. Based on our conversations, possible proposed changes to the Fire budget for upcoming years would be to decrease their operating budget as follows:
 1. PSAP -\$50,000 in 2022 but none expected in the future;
 2. Purchase of small fire truck - \$159,000 in 2022 and no expenditures expected for several years
 3. Dr. Landry – proposal is to use ambulance service to perform medical services now being done by Dr. Landry at a reduced cost.

4. Fire Dept is talking to ambulance service to rent a part of its facilities to bring in revenues to offset operating costs.
5. Move dispatch services to County and eliminate the need for funding of 2 dispatch positions. Either way, Fire will be using the County services to dispatch fire calls.

The costs for maintenance or operations of new building have not been addressed as those costs are not projected until at least 2024 after the building is completed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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