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From: Joshua Ripp
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 11:11 AM
To: Dave Ehlinger
Cc: Tim Swadley
Subject: RE: Fund 242 Fire Dept Special

Dave – responses in RED:

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From: Dave Ehlinger
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Josh,

A question was raised at the recent Finance Committee meeting as to the cash balance in Fund 242 Fire Dept Special. Because I was not familiar with the fund I told them that I would get back to them with a response.

The fund is the fundraising account used by the department that was historically (Decades ago) used for fundraising and expending those funds on those items. It pays for special equipment for the FD, meals for the monthly business meetings, special events, etc.

When I looked at the general ledger, it was obvious that I had not reviewed this fund yet.

A. There is absolutely nothing in the 2023 adopted budget for this fund. We will have to amend the adopted budget for this fund at some point in time. At your convenience, please provide me with what your requested budget would have been. There is not a specific budget for this at this point. The money coming out, is dependent upon what we fund raise.

B. Similar to other departments/funds, I have moved all the revenues from 242-00000-4xxxxx to 242-52200-4xxxx for better matching of revenues and expenditures.

C. Taxable soda sales – I had to create a new account to indicate that sales tax is being charged for soda purchased by employees/visitors.
We will need to discuss this more on what the requirements we have are.

D. I did not see any soda revenue since May 26th. Is this correct?
Very likely, money can used needs to be gone through.

E. I updated Cash Receipting codes 1601 through 1605 to reflect the new revenue accounts. We need to discuss this in detail.

F. Because the Bryant Foundation donation of $30,600 was in relation to CIP Project 21066000 Fire Portable Radios, I moved both the $30,600 donation and the $30,600 expenditure to Fund 412 Equipment Replacement Fund. Ok, we will be spending money on other stuff soon.

G. The fund started the year with about $57,000 in fund balance and the YTD spend down is about $9,500. Do we have a plan for how to spend the fund balance down? We are building up the amounts to spend on things, but more money will be coming in, as a fundraising letter is going out (annual letter).

If you have any questions on the attached document or the questions above, please let me know.

Thanks,

Dave

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