

Minutes of the Belton Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee
Electronic Meeting
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April 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

Committee members present: Caroline Allen, Martha Frasher, Jane Hull, Chief John Sapp, Chief Scott Lyons, Councilmember Allyson Lawson, Mark Graves, Dan Heizman, and Shane Trotter

Committee members absent: Bill Peek, Marsha Vest, and Sarah Brooks

Staff present: Alexa Barton, City Manager; Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager; and Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of the FY21 Fire, Police, and PSST (public safety sales tax) revenues and expenditures. The total expenditures were \$935,444.09; the total revenues (with cash carryover) were \$3,221,357.44. Revenues not expended will remain in the PSST Fund. (Attachment A)

Dan Heizman asked why the bunker gear and duty coats were moved from the general fund to the PSST. Ms. Ernzen said that's how the City Council adopted the budget last year. In FY22 the bunker gear and duty coats are in the general fund. Mr. Heizman asked why there were no wages/benefits listed in the PSST Police budget for FY21. Ms. Ernzen said the positions were vacant last year.

Ms. Ernzen reviewed the budget for FY22, further including three (3) new firefighter positions (contingent upon receiving a grant) and one (1) new police detective position.

Caroline Allen asked if the capital expenses will slow down at some point. Fire Chief John Sapp said no, we have an equipment replacement program. There are ongoing costs.

Mr. Heizman made further comments regarding this question, sharing at some point the City may need to consider moving salaries back to the general fund, as labor expenses grow more than our revenues can keep up, and use the PSST for training and capital expenses.

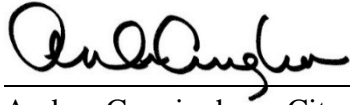
Ms. Ernzen reminded the committee about writing the annual report. Jane Hull said it may be a good idea to do a report after each meeting.

Ms. Hull volunteered to collect committee comments. Please email Ms. Hull. Councilmember Lawson volunteered to help with the report.

Ms. Allen asked about PSST funds being allocated to BEMA – there have been numerous questions about this on social media. Ms. Ernzen said the City Council appropriated the funds to Fire and Police. Although, the ballot language would allow the City Council to appropriate funds to Emergency Management.

The next committee meeting is planned for October 27, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Cunningham', written over a horizontal line.

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI
PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUND
Revenues and Expenditures - Cash Basis
For the Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2021

	12 MONTHS ENDED 3/31/21
REVENUES:	
Public Safety Sales Tax	2,237,154.65
Interest on Investments	227.67
Cash Carryover	983,975.12
TOTAL REVENUES:	<u>3,221,357.44</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
Transfers to the General Fund	
Wages & Benefits Above FY2019 Base**	355,513.57
Training (Paramedic & Police Academy)	24,897.34
Public Safety Equipment & Vehicles	
Fire	
Computer Server & Workstations	16,789.58
Physio Control LP 15	35,072.51
5:11 Duty Coat	4,521.50
Bunker Gear	22,756.72
iPads	5,754.92
Fire Engine (partial, carryover to FY22)	-
Ambulance Remounts	125,531.83
Fire Prevention Vehicle	34,792.65
Police	
Computer Equipment	2,762.79
Mobile Data Terminals	25,549.35
Body Worn Cameras	-
Special Operations Personnel Van	-
Patrol Cars	281,501.33
TOTAL TRANSFERS:	<u>935,444.09</u>
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u><u>2,285,913.35</u></u>

The City received \$2,237,382.32 of public safety sales tax for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021. The City has spent \$935,444.09 for public safety expenses.

Of the total \$935,444.09 of total expenses, \$355,513.57 was spent on Fire & EMT salaries and benefits, \$24,897.34 was spent on training and the balance of \$555,033.18 was spent on public safety equipment, four patrol cars, a fire prevention truck and an ambulance.

There is \$2,285,913.35 remaining at 3/31/2021. \$666,365.42 is restricted for Fire and \$1,619,547.93 is restricted for Police.

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The Fire department is encumbering the remaining \$15,207.35 of the funds budgeted for 2021 to complete the outfitting of the fire prevention vehicle, and therefore the carryforward for Fire is anticipated to be \$651,158.07. The Police department is encumbering \$50,000 for a SWAT van, \$48,498.67 for one police car, \$37,000 for body cameras and \$9,237.21 for computer equipment that was budgeted for 2021 but not purchased; therefore the carryforward balance for Police is anticipated to be \$1,474,812.05.