

Mayor Post: Yes. Yes. And the \$38,000 would reduce that; so if we deal with almost \$40,000 and you said it was \$90,000 at the end; so \$40,000 without a tenth officer, will still make us \$50,000 short; which we need to get to that point first before we even start entertaining the tenth officer.

C Duby: What are the SALLE and the EIDE funds? Are those there because that...

Mayor Post: Hasn't been applied to anything, so...

C Duby: So that would be available to offset part of the \$50,000?

Mayor Post: Yes. It could be.

C Duby: It could be applied to salary and benefits for a tenth officer.

C Abraham: Isn't there a stipulation on the SALLE grant on how you use it?

Mayor Post: Okay, then let me ask you this; what in the current budget could the SALLE funds and EIDE funds be used for? Gas, maintenance...

Chief Phillips: Drug purposes [unintelligible].

Mayor Post: So you're saying that the SALLE and the EIDE is solely for drug purposes.

Chief Phillips: I've had research to prove it, that [unintelligible].

Mayor Post: So if it's for drug purposes, then therefore we would not be able to...

Chief Phillips: [unintelligible].

Mayor Post: So it could be applied to overtime.

Chief Phillips: For narcotic drug investigations, but I don't believe it could be used for regular overtime, no.

Mayor Post: No, but I'm talking about and I'm sure there's overtime that is contributed towards narcotic.

Chief Phillips: Negative. Anytime we do narcotics overtime or having drug deals, it's used from EIDE and SALLE money; that's what we use it for every year.

Mayor Post: So you use it anyway.

Chief Phillips: For narcotics investigations.

Mayor Post: To offset overtime or...

Chief Phillips: No, for narcotics investigations; we do narcotics investigations we use that money, yes.

C Hudson: But not like if somebody is working overtime to fill in 80 hours or to cover for somebody else on vacation.

Mayor Post: No, but I was saying if they were working on a drug raid or stakeouts or things like that. I just don't know what the answer is. You whittle too much, you're going to be where you're going to whittle yourself to failure, no matter what.

C Duby: Yeah, you're going to go over budget. If we whittle it down in the budget and then we have to spend it anyway.

Mayor Post: And I see what you did with the heating system, is you left the heating system in, even though it was supposed to be removed; but you put in the Burn Grant, correct, Jenn?

Jennifer Cornell: That's correct.

Mayor Post: So there's nothing there. Keep in mind, we will have to revise the Employee Handbook if we do reduce the insurance where they have a 30% pay; so just remember that will have to be done. It probably should be done prior to the next meeting.

Chief Phillips: Mr. Mayor, am I hearing that there is still money left for a new car?

Mayor Post: I don't think so; just hold on one second.

Chief Phillips: Line Item 5808 shows that.

Mayor Post: But I think you have one car that still needs to be paid off.

Chief Phillips: That would be line item 5802, I believe.

Mayor Post: Where were you talking, 5808?

Chief Phillips: Yes, Sir.

Mayor Post: That's the one where you were going to sell hopefully to get \$10,000 in cars by selling the old ones. There's the police car, year 3 of 3, we know we have to pay that \$10,003; we removed police car no. 3 that was listed in there which is 5803; and the other one is the wash where you were going to get a new car or do something and then sell the old cars.

Chief Phillips: I don't know if we'll get that much money for them or not, but we'll do the best we can.

Mayor Post: Or we have the option of not selling the old cars, or selling the old cars and still not getting a new car and remove the \$10,000. Yeah, they're getting a new car with that \$10,000.

Chief Phillips: We were talking about a used car, not a brand new one.

Mayor Post: Yes, a used one.

Chief Phillips: Yes, Sir.

Mayor Post: Yes, new to the Police Department.

C Prettyman: I need help down here. At 5804 what is that \$10,750 for?

Mayor Post: That's everything with the evidence and the basement; they just combined it together for the repairs down in the basement and the evidence.

C Prettyman: I thought we were going to through the grant thing.

Chief Phillips: Also, Mr. Mayor, how soon can we make the repairs to the basement? This last rainfall, we had an excess of water in there. I had photos to show everybody; I don't have them with me tonight; but we did get a lot of rain in that basement.

Mayor Post: Right now, I would say the budget starts October 1st, so that's when we would be able to do it.

Chief Phillips: Okay.

C Hudson: So are you saying you would have repairs to the basement built into this budget? Is that it?

Mayor Post: It's here, Mary. It's at 5804. It's Dry Zone.

Chief Phillips: Would we be allowed to have them do the work now and pay them later or does it work like that?

Mayor Post: No, it doesn't work like that.

C Martin-Brown: Could we formalize that approval so that we have something in writing from the Mayor to the Police Chief that says he is hereby authorized, effective October 1st?

Mayor Post: You have it when you pass this budget at \$10,750.

C Martin-Brown: So it is authorized effective October 1st.

C Duby: If we pass it, he has it.

Mayor Post: Yes.

C Hudson: If we put in the heating system, we are not going to clean up the evidence system in the basement?

Mayor Post: We're doing both, Mary. But the Burn Grant in the revenues is what is supposed to be covering that \$14,860.

C Duby: Well, if the Burn Grant is big enough to cover both, then why does it say if the Council chooses to amend the Burn Grant to be used for the heating system, the proposed budget for evidence cleanup has to be funded from another source? It doesn't sound to me like it will cover both.

Jennifer Cornell: The Burn Grant is only for \$18,000 so it will not completely cover both items.

Mayor Post: We're not asking for the other to be paid by the Burn Grant.

Chief Phillips: We can always use SALLE and EIDE to make up the difference.

Mayor Post: That's in the budget as well.

C Duby: You just said the SALLE and the EIDE can only be used for drug purposes.

Chief Phillips: That's correct. Evidence rooms can be used for that, as well.

C Duby: So it could be used to clean the evidence up?

Chief Phillips: That's correct.

Mayor Post: But if you leave it in the budget and you vote on the budget that's in the budget. The issue that becomes a little tricky is if the heating system, which we're banking on the Burn Grant to be able to amend it to include the heating system, if that doesn't go through, that's where we have the problem. But no matter what, the heating and the evidence in the wet basement is in the budget.

C Duby: So it's just a matter of how we cover it.

Mayor Post: It will be covered from just General Funds, that is.

C Duby: That's what I mean; but when you say amend the Burn Grant, does that mean you go back to the funder and say will you let us use it for this, rather than that?

Mayor Post: Yes, and often, people know how to do that. It is a permitted use.

C Duby: I understand that. All I'm saying is, if in fact we go back to them and they say no, then we're \$14,000 more in the hole.

Mayor Post: That is true.

Chief Phillips: Chances are, if they know our Police Station is getting ready to cave in, they'll take care of us.

Mayor Post: The bottom line is we need to try to trim the \$50,000; did we get somewhere on that? No, because the car... If we took the \$10,000 out and

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