

Fund:

**GENERAL**

Department:

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Division:

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Division No.: **40000**

**MISSION:**

The mission of the Mayor and City Council is to serve as the legislative and policy body of the City Government. The Mayor serves as the official head of the government.

**SERVICES:**

The Mayor and City Council Members are elected at-large for staggered four-year terms on a biennial basis. Regular meetings of the City Council are normally held twice a month on Tuesdays. For the second half of calendar year 2013, there will only be one meeting in July and Sept.

**SIGNIFICANT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

**GOAL:**

A. Provide policy direction for the City of Carbondale that addresses both short term and long range needs of the community and the municipal government.

**Objective:**

1. Provide leadership and direction in long range planning issues for the City

**Strategies:**

- a. Identify issues that the City should be addressing to help position the community for a future of growth, strength, vitality and fiscal soundness
- b. Formulate policies that anticipate community changes and that encourage appropriate growth and development opportunities while considering fiscal restraints, impacts on the City and citizens and impacts on staffing resources

**Objective:**

2. Solicit advice from professional staff, advisory boards and commissions and others in formulating policy

**Strategies:**

- a. Require staff, under the direction of the City Manager, to provide well-developed recommendations and alternatives for initiatives and issues coming to the Council

- b. Actively solicit input from boards and commissions on issues before the City Council
- c. Encourage boards and commissions to propose issues to the City Council when Council policy or direction is needed

**Objective:**

3. Be involved in regional, state and national organizations and activities that can benefit the City

**Strategies:**

- a. Continue active participation in groups including the Southern Illinois Mayor's Association, the Illinois Municipal League and the National League of Cities to share information and to work cooperatively toward solutions to problems facing cities similar to Carbondale
- b. Take leadership roles in organizations that will promote the City and provide heightened exposure to the community
- c. Support the mission of Southern Illinois University and work together in cooperative ways to enhance town/gown relations, representing a unified partnership, such as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Path project along the eastside of the CN Railroad

**Objective:**

4. Represent and lobby on behalf of the community and region for the best interests of the constituency

**Strategies:**

- a. The Mayor is designated as the chief spokesman for the City of Carbondale
- b. Solicit funds and propose/support/oppose legislation as needed or desired at the state and federal levels

**GOAL:**

- B. Provide an open forum for, and encourage widespread participation in, the discussion of issues and concerns pertaining to City government

**Objective:**

1. Facilitate discussion of ideas and concerns

**Strategies:**

- a. Include "Citizen Comments and Questions"

- b. Provide ample opportunity for citizen comments at City Council meetings for items on the agenda
- c. Refer items to advisory boards and commissions for comment and input as needed

**Objective:**

- 2. Ensure that membership on advisory boards and commissions reflects the diversity of the Carbondale community

**Strategies:**

- a. Utilize the *Carbondale Communiqué* to advertise vacancies on boards and commissions and to recruit new volunteers
- b. Encourage Council members to take an active role in recommending constituents for vacant positions on Boards and Commissions.

While the City has taken steps to increase its revenues and significantly decrease its expenditures, the financial condition of the State of Illinois has placed burdens on municipal governments throughout the region. Long-overdue revenue sharing and reductions in previously anticipated capital funding have caused trickle-down concerns at the local level. In order to maintain a basic level of services that meets the community's expectations, the City Council, for the third year in a row levied a property tax for real property. The adoption of this levy will provide for a stable source of income for public safety employee pensions.

In FY 2014, the Mayor and Council will continue to monitor the budget as revenues are projected to only have a slight increase. Fiscal Year 2014 will include Capital Improvement Projects such as replacing Fire Station #2 on the west side of town, and continued improvements on the Water, Sewer and Street Infrastructure with a focus of finally redeveloping the section of Schwartz Street, between Oakland and Eason. This project is the #1 prioritized CIP project and has been on the CIP list since 1987.

A Council Retreat will be held by the Council to learn about the State of the City from City Staff members, to plan for the coming year, and to review the Comprehensive Plan.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:**

Much of the focus of the Mayor and City Council for Fiscal Year 2013, dealt with preparation and implementation of the annual budget, deciding on the funding for the replacement of Fire Station #2, considering and deciding on the 100% renewable energy rate option for the Electrical Aggregation contract, the plans for a new bicycle and pedestrian path, panhandling issues, and the reorganization of the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau.

**NUMBER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

<b>POSITION TITLE</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY 2012</b>	<b>AUTHORIZED BUDGET FY 2013</b>	<b>ESTIMATED ACTUAL FY 2013</b>	<b>BUDGET FY 2014</b>	<b>\$ AMOUNT BUDGET FY 2014</b>
Mayor	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	\$9,000
Council	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	\$25,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	\$34,200

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EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATION	ACTUAL FY2012	AUTHORIZED	ESTIMATED	BUDGET FY2014
		BUDGET FY2013	ACTUAL FY2013	
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>				
120 Elected Officials Salaries	33,850	34,200	34,200	34,200
130 Employee Health Ins. Benefits	14,443	30,086	14,839	13,355
131 Employee Retirement Benefits	3,114	3,726	3,763	3,836
140 Employee Work. Comp. Benefits	224	248	193	101
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>51,631</b>	<b>68,260</b>	<b>52,995</b>	<b>51,492</b>
<b>DIRECT OPERATING CHARGES &amp; SERVICES</b>				
220 Communications-Telephone	785	1,000	175	675
222 Communications-Postage	193	1,000	200	600
240 Travel, Conferences, Training	2,508	9,250	5,000	14,500
270 Outside Printing Services	352	500	200	400
271 Other Outside Services	38	1,750	1,250	10,750
272 Office Supplies	566	1,164	500	910
273 Operating Supplies & Materials	788	1,100	1,000	1,200
280 Subscriptions and Memberships	4,526	6,555	4,846	5,390
299 Operating Equipment	300	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL DIRECT OPER. CHRGS &amp; SRVCS</b>	<b>10,056</b>	<b>22,319</b>	<b>13,171</b>	<b>34,425</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>61,687</b>	<b>90,579</b>	<b>66,166</b>	<b>85,917</b>