Crossett City Council met January 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Crossett Public Library to review the December, 2022 financial reports.

Present: Mayor Crystal Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer Clark Terrell

Councilmembers: Dan Pevy, Kerstin Mondragon, Sheila Phillips, James Knight, CT Foster

Absent: City Attorney James Hamilton, Councilman Chris Gill

Mayor Marshall stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss preliminary financial reports for December.

After reports were presented and discussed, Mayor Marshall asked for a motion to give permission to pay remaining bills and have a resolution to finalize the 2022 budget. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilwoman Phillips to pay remaining bills and have resolution to finalize the 2022 budget. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

Police Chief JW Cruce informed council of the need of a CAD system upgrade, which is a computerized system to help with dispatching, police reports and tracking officers. The initial cost of this is around $150,000 with an annual cost estimated at $17,000 per year. This would benefit the police department and the fire department. Grants are being sought to cover the initial expense.

Fire Chief Bo Higginbotham told council that they are looking into the possibility of adding lift systems the each ambulance. Many states are mandating this now as it will alleviate the possibility of injury to employees and patients. This would cost around $30,000 per ambulance. Grants are being researched for this as well. Councilman Pevy asked if this cost could be added to ambulance billing. Chief Higginbotham said that is not possible as billing now is by run and not itemized.

With no other discussion, motion by Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilwoman Phillips to adjourn the finance meeting. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Meeting was adjourned.

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