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**Re: Request to increase the budget**

1 message

**Michael Thompson** <mthompson@cityoffoley.org>

Fri, Dec 8, 2023 at 5:07 PM

To: LaDonna Hinesley &lt;lhinesley@cityoffoley.org&gt;

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I am fine with this request.

Wayne, we are just transitioning from some of these standalone accounts (library and caboose club) to better meet GAAP principles and typical oversight standards.

I agree with LaDonna's description that it is kind of a wash because although this is creating an expense that will hit the General Fund, this process also dropped unplanned funds into the general fund as well. In the future these projects will become part of the budgeted activities of her dept.

Mike

On Fri, Dec 8, 2023 at 4:54 PM LaDonna Hinesley <lhinesley@cityoffoley.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Mike and Wayne,

Wayne, before you say no, I'd like to explain that in a way this is budget neutral.

This is about requesting funds to pay for maintenance (take care of rust and painting) for the two boxcars and the small work car (yellow) near the depot.

For years, the city had a checking account that held the donations given to the Caboose Club. Caboose Club donations made up about \$64k of that city account. The account was closed in September. The club had planned to use some of the funds in that account for this work.

My mistake is that I did not include this maintenance in the 23-24 budget.

Since the funds in that account were absorbed by the city in September, and since the funds were made as a donation to the Caboose Club, I ask that the city grant this request for maintenance to keep our trains in good shape.

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