

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Budget Session
Thursday, November 5, 2020 5:30 PM

- I. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Woellner with the following attending:

Alderpersons: Paul Russell (remote), Steve Hass, Rick Blake, Steve Osness, John Van Lieshout, Mike Rick, Mark Weix and Steve Sabatke.

Other's present: Mayor Woellner, Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey, Police Chief Bennett, Street Superintendent Bonack, City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Heideman, City Administrator Johnson, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Library Director Stevens, Finance Director Unertl, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf, Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek, Ryan Schwartzman, Gary Schwartz, Bob Lass and Merrill Productions.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment

IV. Items for review and potential recommendation in November 10th Common Council meeting:

1. Review of previous Committee of the Whole and Finance Director 2021 budget changes:

Finance Director Unertl gave a brief overview and update on the budget changes.

2. Update on General Obligation (GO) Debt:

Finance Director Unertl reported on the debt. Discussion was held on the debt limit. Alderperson Sabatke is concerned that we are approaching the debt limit.

3. Review Appendix A, Preliminary Tax Levy and Projected Tax Base:

Finance Director Unertl reported on Appendix A and the estimated tax rate chart.

4. 2021 Operations – Tax Levy Budget Requests

Questions were asked by Alderperson's. Gary Schwartz was given floor privileges and spoke regarding the T-Hangar. Finance Director Unertl and Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey answered questions.

5. 2021 Capital Budget requests:

After discussion, Alderperson Hass motioned to remove borrowing for the garbage and recycling. Alderperson Sabatke seconded. The motion failed on a 2-7 roll call vote. Alderperson's Russell, Blake, Osness, VanLieshout, Rick, Weix and Mayor Woellner voted no.

Alderperson Russell motioned to remove \$110,000 from the fiber optic budget and move \$110,000 to the 2022 budget. Alderperson Osness seconded and the motion failed on a 3-6 roll call vote. Alderperson's Hass, Blake, VanLieshout, Rick, Weix and Mayor Woellner voted no.

Alderperson Sabatke motioned to remove \$50,000 from the River Bend Trail expansion. Alderperson Hass seconded for discussion. The motion failed on a 1-8 roll call vote. Alderperson's Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, VanLieshout, Rick, Weix and Mayor Woellner voted no.

Alderperson Sabatke motioned to remove \$35,000 for the Van at the Street Department. There was no second.

Alderperson Blake recommended referring the 2021 budget to the November 10th Common Council meeting. Alderperson VanLieshout seconded and the motion carried.

6. 2021 Tax Incremental District (TID) requests

Finance Director Unertl reported on the 2021 TID request.

V. Adjournment

Alderperson VanLieshout motioned to adjourn. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori Anderson-Malm City Clerk from the agenda, meeting video and meeting notes from former City Clerk Bill Heideman.