

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Budget Session
Tuesday, October 27, 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, Fire Chief Klug, 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 and Merrill Productions.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment

IV. Agenda Items for Consideration:

1. Update on overall 2021 General – Tax Levy Budget Status

Finance Director Unertl gave a brief overview and update.

2. Update on Library Boiler Public Emergency

Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek reported on the library boiler. Two bids were received and were about \$5,000 under the budgeted amount.

3. Consider 2021 Capital requests:

Capital Equipment & projects:

Finance Director Unertl reported on the on the budget requests from the previous meeting.

Aldersperson Osness motioned to remove \$70,000 from Water and Sewer fund and put this amount in the general fund. Aldersperson Rick seconded for discussion. The motion failed on a 4-4 roll call vote. Aldersperson's Hass, Blake, VanLieshout and Weix voted no. Mayor Woellner abstained from the vote.

Aldersperson Hass motioned to remove \$10,000 from the city garage parking lot. Aldersperson Sabatke seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

Aldersperson Sabatke motioned to eliminate the removal of the city hall carpet from the budget requests. There was no second.

Aldersperson Sabatke motioned to remove the city hall air conditioning unit from the budget. There was no second.

Aldersperson Sabatke motioned to remove the fiber optic system for \$220,000 from the budget. Aldersperson Hass seconded for discussion. The motion failed on a 1-8 roll call vote. Aldersperson's Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, VanLieshout, Rick, Weix and Mayor Woellner voted no.

Aldersperson Sabatke motioned to remove the library parking lot replacement from the budget. There was no second.

Aldersperson Sabatke motioned to remove the rain gutters for the Smith Center from the budget. Aldersperson Hass seconded for discussion. The motion failed on a 2-7 roll call vote. Aldersperson's Russell, Blake, Osness, VanLieshout, Rick, Weix and Mayor Woellner voted no.

Aldersperson Sabatke motioned to remove the pit toilet for the City Forest from the budget requests. Aldersperson Osness seconded. The motion failed on a 2-7 roll call vote. Aldersperson's Russell, Hass, Blake, VanLieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke and Mayor Woellner voted no.

Aldersperson Rick motioned to remove the \$45,000 emergency generator from the budget requests. Aldersperson Osness seconded for discussion. The motion failed on a 2-7 roll call vote. Aldersperson's Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, VanLieshout, Weix and Mayor Woellner voted no.

Aldersperson Sabatke motioned to remove tandem dump truck from the budget requests. There was no second.

Infrastructure Investments:

Aldersperson Hass motioned to delay Michler Crest and Smith Street from the budget requests until 2022. Aldersperson Osness seconded. The motioned carried on a 7-2 roll call vote. Aldersperson's Weix and Mayor Woellner voted no.

Aldersperson Sabatke motioned to add the River Street project to the budget. There was not a second.

4. Consider 2021 Tax Increment District (TID) Budget requests:

Finance Director Unertl explained the TID budget requests.

5. Consider 2021 Operational-Tax Levy Budget requests:

The operational budget requests were skipped until the October 29th meeting.

6. Consider garbage and recycling service for 2021

Aldersperson Hass motioned to keep garbage and recycling as is. Aldersperson Rick seconded. The motion failed on a 4-5 roll call vote. Aldersperson's Blake, VanLieshout, Weix, Sabatke and Mayor Woellner voted no.

Aldersperson VanLieshout motioned to approve the in-house garbage/recycling program. Aldersperson Blake seconded. The motion carried on a 6-3 roll call vote. Aldersperson's Russell, Hass and Sabatke voted no.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. It was unclear who motioned and who seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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