

January 6, 2022  
Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes

The January 6, 2022 budget workshop meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Mayor Knepper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Oliphant, Delaney and Rausch answered roll call. Kelchen was absent.

A motion was made by Rausch, second by Oliphant to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The City Superintendent was in attendance. We discussed projects and smaller maintenance items that are included in the budget such as the Buchanan Street alley project, storm sewer maintenance items, manhole repairs, seal coating, bridge repairs, some curb repairs and a project on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE to replace water/sewer mains. During the discussion, it was recommended that we include replacement of the storm drain on Pierce Street SW by Riverview Park. We also discussed purchasing a new street sweeper/vac truck. We will demo one this year and determine what will meet our needs. The fence on the bridge was again discussed and money was put in the budget for this expense. Lights on the bridge was also discussed and some funds were budgeted, but if people would like to donate to purchase one in memory of a loved one like on the Coohey trail that would be acceptable as well. It was also discussed purchasing a hot water power washer so money was budgeted for this. The capital equipment plan for replacement was also reviewed. The money going into reserves for future equipment purchases was increased since we will need a new snow plow and truck in the next few years.

Following the discussion of the streets, water and sewer, the City Administrator reviewed the 4 bonds we have left to pay on and where the payments come from. Also, the fund balance report was reviewed. The City Administrator also reviewed the valuation for the City which increased significantly. Then the City Administrator reviewed the Max Levy 2% calculations. Based on our valuations and inflation rate of 3% and cost of everything increasing, it was strongly recommended that we levy the full 8.10 for the general fund and not just do the 2% increase. The Council was in agreement with this recommendation. The overall tax levy rate for the City will go from 8.85 to 8.93 still in the range that we have been maintaining. The date for the Max Levy public hearing will be set at the Council meeting on Monday.

With no other business, Rausch moved and Oliphant seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 6:46p.m. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Steve Knepper, Mayor