

The Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present – Council members Corcoran, Melonis, Cumberledge, Schomer and Paterson. Also present Mayor Waltrip, Temp Clerk Barb Barrick and Deputy Clerk Lisa Ruehle. Absent – None.

1. Barbara Barrick updated the proposed budget with information from the last meeting. The total tax levy is \$13.68914 up from \$13,6397 which is 5.8 cents. She reviewed the insurance liability cost increase and also indicated the debt service levy increased some. Council member Cumberledge questioned that if we are refinancing some of the general obligation bonds. Barb indicated that she has applied some reserve to bring the levy down. There will be \$40,000 to \$50,000 generated from taxes at the end of next fiscal year. This proposal shows a general fund deficit of \$21,700. She also included the 3% recommended by the Library Board and added a truck purchase to the Parks Department with additional revenue coming from Concessions. There was a memo from Mike O’Bradovich about Local Option Sales Tax and it can all be put in the general fund to use for the Parks Department and whatever else we want to use it for. Council member Melonis wanted to be sure people understand we are not moving the local option sales tax to the general fund to balance the budget but to put in departments where it can be better utilized. Council member Schomer asked about the \$40,000 that is listed as Recreational and what is that used for. Some is used for the parade & festival and some for Senior activities and some moved over from the Resource Center to continue some of those programs. Also the Local Option Sales Tax will take care of capital projects. Moved by council member Melonis seconded by council member Corcoran to move the local option sales tax monies to the general fund. Ayes: Unanimous.

2. Moved by council member Paterson seconded by council member Cumberledge to set the public hearing for the proposed budget and subsequent approval for March 14th at 5:00 p.m. Ayes: Unanimous.

There was some discussion of the soccer field at the school and it needs to be addressed. The Mayor and Maintenance Supervisor will check into it tomorrow.

Bill Dahlheimer was present and asked some questions about some of the items in the budget and that he has been looking into some grants. The Mayor will discuss the issues with Mr. Dahlheimer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Lisa Ruehle, Deputy City Clerk

Gerald Waltrip, Mayor