

CARTER LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021

Public Hearing to hear comments and concerns regarding the notice for maximum property tax dollars to be certified for levy for 2021-2022 Budget. SF634 passed out of the Senate and then the House in April, 2019. The bill established "maximum property tax dollars" which is equal to 102% of last year's revenue for certain levies (listed below). The bill allows cities to exceed the 2% threshold with a 2/3 majority vote of council after notice, public hearing and 20 day wait as laid out in the bill. Cities are now required to have two public hearings for their annual budget.

This first public hearing is establishing our maximum property tax dollars for our 2021/2022 budget. This includes our regular general levy, liability, property & self-insurance costs, emergency levy, FICA/IPERS, and other employee benefits (insurance costs). What is not included in this hearing is our Debt Service Levy. It will be included when the final budget is approved in March. The Carter Lake City Council will have another public hearing for the final budget which includes the taxes on this first hearing.

This is not a new tax, but an additional requirement of the annual budget process. We are simply required to have two public hearings. We are NOT exceeding the 2% threshold because our need for tax dollars is no more than last year. Current year's tax levy is \$10.41. This year's tax levy will be no more than \$10.31, a decrease of 10 cents.

Gundersen moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Paterson; motion was approved.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Cumberledge at 7:00 p.m. Roll of the council, present: Jackie Wahl, Pat Paterson, Keebie Kessler, Denise Teeple and Jason Gundersen; city attorney Mike O'Bradovich and city clerk Jackie Carl were present.

The agenda was reviewed, upon motion duly made by Gundersen, and seconded by Wahl, the agenda was approved; the motion was passed unanimously. Upon motion of Kessler seconded by Teeple, the consent agenda was approved that included claims, receipts and financial reports for December, motion was approved unanimously.

Gundersen moved to approve Fire Department membership for Hunter Posey, seconded by Wahl; motion was approved unanimously. Kessler moved to approve salvage yard permit for Lakeside Auto Recyclers, seconded by Teeple; motion was approved unanimously. Salvage Yard permit for City Super Shop was tabled to February due to the inspection not being completed.

Mayor Cumberledge announced the presentation of "Citizen of the Year" to an outstanding group of volunteers. Congratulations to the members of the Carter Lake Fire and EMS. They have answered the call during pandemic and when some members were diagnosed with COVID, others stepped in to make sure the calls were answered 24 hours a day.

Mayor asked for council support for the appointments of several positions.

Kessler moved to approve Jay Gundersen to the Planning Board, seconded by Paterson, motion was approved, (Jason Gundersen abstained from voting). Gundersen moved to approve appointment of Bob Zagota to the Library Board, Paterson seconded and motion was approved unanimously. Paterson moved to appoint Jason Gundersen as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Kessler, motion was approve (Jason Gundersen abstained from voting). Kessler moved to appoint Michael O’Bradovich to continue as City Attorney, seconded by Gundersen, motion was approved unanimously. The Mayor explained that the council and community center committee had a workshop on 1-13-21 where CBRE and TACK were present to provide an updates and visual graphics of layout and building materials. The committee and council will continue to work together and provide updates to the community.

Clerk Jackie Carl provided the budget packets and workshop schedule: Monday, January 25th, Thursday, January 28th; Monday, February 1st; Thursday, February 4th; Monday, February 8th; Thursday, February 11th. All workshops are held in the council chambers or the training room and start at 5:30 p.m.

Kessler moved to approve third reading of ordinance to vacate a portion of 17th Street, seconded by Gundersen. Roll Call: No: Paterson Yes: Kessler, Teeple, Wahl; motion was approved. Teeple moved to approve the third reading of ordinance to increase trash collection fees to \$10.50 in January 2021; \$11.50 in January 2022; \$12.50 January 2023 and \$13.00 January 2024, seconded by Gundersen, motion was approved unanimously. Gundersen moved to approve resolution to designate auditor, seconded by Kessler; motion was approved unanimously.

Gundersen moved to approve resolution to designate newspaper, seconded by Wahl; motion was approved unanimously. Gundersen moved to approve resolution for max levy seconded by Kessler; motion was approved.,

At 7:15 p.m. Gundersen moved to adjourn, seconded by Paterson; motion was approve unanimously.

Jackie Carl
Carter Lake City Clerk

Ron Cumberledge
Mayor