

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 15, 2021

Rob Lessen, President of the City Council opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. The roll was taken, and Rock Anderson and Tom Hayes were unable to attend the meeting.

Rob Lessen stated that this meeting is being held to discuss the 2022 budget preparations. Mary Lou Peace stated that she had worked with Bette Lessen on the City's indebtedness. A chart was handed out to all members.

Police Chief Craig Farnsworth was present to review his paperwork that he had handed out to the Council and what the Police Department would like to see and have in next year's budget.

- 1) 2020 Durango SUV
- 2) Patrolman's equipment
- 3) Additional part-time officer's salaries; \$46,800.00

City Council discussed the purchasing of the new SUV with the Chief. It was decided that the 2020 Durango would be a better fit for Arma overall. Bette Lessen suggested that the City pay half in 2021 and the other half 2022 (\$34,850.00). Also, the Council discussed selling the older Dodge Truck. Craig also requested an additional \$46,800.00 for extra part-time patrolman so that Arma can be protected as well as work 69 highway traffic.

Under Public Works Tom Gorman had compiled a list of general equipment as well as a \$35,000.00 salt shed. The City Council felt that the amount was high, and they would like to see a breakout on this shed with the listed cost. Tom also requested extra funds for next years chemicals for the City pool.

Dickie Cleland brought up the annual street paving and that Tom needs to look over the city streets. Dickie asked the Council if they would allow him to speak to Tom about this yearly project. Council agreed. Also, Council discussed the \$60,000.00 that has been allocated the last couple of years and that maybe it should be increased to \$75,000.00.

Rob Lessen brought up the roofing project to replace the old roofs on the shelter houses. Council felt that a boost of \$15,000.00 would help.

Dickie Cleland also brought up the need to replace the Auger Truck. Dickie said he had done some research and that the city could get a nice used Auger/Digger truck for \$30,000.00.

City Council agreed to keep the library fund as is.

Rob Lessen brought up employee raises since it has been a while since they have received and increase. Mary Lou Peace said that they had receive a raise a couple of years ago and that the Health Insurance cost appears to be going up 3.5%.

Bette Lessen brought up raising the water rate in January by the 2.5% increase. Bette explained the current revenue and expenditures that the city has experienced in 2021. This topic will be on the next agenda along with a graft from the past 6 months.

Mary Lou Peace brought up the \$100,000.00 certificate of deposit the council needs to replace soon.

Ken Harryman made the motion to adjourn the special meeting at 7:50 p.m. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk