

BUDGET MEETING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL March 14, 2019

Budget Workshop Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President McGuigan with a salute to the flag. Roll call was recorded as follows:

Present: Meischker, D'Adamo, Tapp, Toto, Dill, Gerety, McGuigan

Also Present: Mayor Glasser, Administrator Swain, City Clerk Samuelson, Comptroller Kestrel, Attorney Lafferty and Auditor Leon Costello

Open Public Meetings Act:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided. Agenda for this meeting has been provided to two local newspapers and posted in the City Clerk's Office.

Mr. Swain provided documents before the meeting to the Governing Body. City Administrator Swain explained the two different caps; one is an appropriation CAP and one is the levy CAP. Mr. Swain reported that a big piece of the 2019 Budget includes a very robust capital plan with approximately \$5.3 million general capital plan and approximately \$1 million capital sewer plan. He continued to explain that the City is retiring a bond from 2009 that creates an opportunity to get another bond without an impact to the taxpayers. Additionally, he explained the costs of obtaining a bond.

Mr. Costello explained that when the City does the bond sales, they plan ahead to be able to bond again to continually address capital needs. He directed the Governing Body to Pages 5 and 6 of his bond maturity schedule using a round figure of \$13 million in bonds noting the principle and interest payments that will be paid in the year 2020, which will be \$35,000 less in debt service than in 2019. Auditor Costello mentioned that it is a really great market for bonding and indicated the City is in a great position. Additionally, he discussed the sewer bonding, which also is a good plan.

Mr. Swain explained that all these capital projects need to be done and some of the projects are for the future, but this bonding will allow the Governing Body flexibility for purchases. City Administrator Swain reviewed the Budget thoroughly with the Governing Body including the amount to be raised by taxation of \$11,275,000.

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Councilman Meischker questioned Line 37 for the Arts Commission regarding a \$500 increase. City Administrator noted a mistake and confirmed that the Arts Commission would receive an increase of \$500 for 2019.

Mr. Swain announced that the Public Hearing of the Budget is scheduled for the City Council meeting of April 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Council President McGuigan questioned how grant money was appropriated. Mr. Costello explained that grants do not lapse from year to year; they stay open until they are used.

Councilman D'Adamo questioned if \$35,000 was realized in the year 2018 or the year 2019 for the marina sewage pump-out. Mr. Swain indicated that it will be for 2019 only.

Councilman Meischker questioned if there were a list of properties slated for demolition regarding Line 43 in the Budget. Mr. Swain mentioned Seashore Lane.

Mr. Swain mentioned that this Budget accomplishes many things with a very aggressive capital plan while maintaining a healthy surplus. The tax increase is 2.43 cents, which equates to approximately \$173 per month for the average homeowner for all the municipal services provided by the City.

Public Portion

The public hearing was opened and hearing nothing; it was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 4/25/2019