

Public Hearing 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget August 23, 2021

Present: Mayor Stump, Rahn Abbott, Emilie Saylor, Mike Walter, Z. Wade Hampton, and Clerk, Ginger Galiger.

Guests: Tammy Todd, Daniel J. Kenworthy, Stephanie Kruer, and Zachary Munns.

Public Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Public Comment Not on the Agenda – Commissioner Dan Allhands invited Bob to join in on the Commissioners meeting tomorrow morning around 10:00 - 12:00 to ask questions regarding the ARPA funding. Dan did not stay for the budget hearing.

Mayor discussed the ARPA funding. WWC submitted a competitive grant application for the water and sewer infrastructure in the amount of approximately \$350,000.00 with equal matching fund from the town. We planned to use the first disbursement of \$94,768 that was received in June 2021 to help reach the matching funds. The funding was intended for sewer projects and upgrades. In the review and ranking, there was over 300 applications and the town ranked at 75, therefore, these funds were not included in this year's budget.

The County also received ARPA funding and without any water, sewer, or broadband projects, they will be sharing those funds with the Incorporated Towns in Madison County. The town is expected to receive \$105,000 now and \$125,000 at the end of the fiscal year. Bob reviewed the top 5 projects from the Capital Improvement Plan, in the water fund and chose to budget the money there.

The top 5 project that were budgeted in water system are generators for the manifold building and water tank. Rehab work on well 5 and the telemetry system. Water meter upgrade for meter reading. Indian Creek water rights and to continue the water capacity analysis. We budgeted approximately \$112,500 for these items. The old water works building will be demolished and a trench box will be purchased for safety purposes. We are still waiting for the tank inspection as well.

In the sewer fund, we will continue monitoring the sewer capacity and purchase flow meters. Install sprinkler expansion around the shop to prevent fires. Purchase a gas detector and safety equipment for confined spaces.

The pool will continue to receive \$7000, a transfer of \$3400 to Parks Capital Improvements and increase the fire department fund to \$23,000. Discussion on the special gas tax revenues.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Regular Town Council Meeting

Public comment not on the agenda – none.

Public comment on the agenda – none.

Old Business

1. Tony Simonsen request for exemption from water/sewer hook-on.

Tony is proposing putting 3 or 4 cottages on his property located east of the hospital. Per DEQ rules, if a person is within 500 feet of a municipal water and sewer system, they must hook-on, unless it is not cost effective. Tony is requesting a written letter from the Council giving him the exemption of connecting to the towns sewer system. Since the last council meeting, it was determined that his entire property is in the County and approximately 700 feet from the sewer connection and 900 feet from the water connection. The elevation of the property is lower than the sewer connection which would require a lift station. The town would be responsible for approximately 1000 feet of a service main. In Bob's opinion this would be cost prohibitive. Mike Walter moves to approve Tony's request for an exemption on his water/sewer hook-on. Mike Walter then amended the motion to add "support his request to the DEQ". Z. Wade Hampton seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council.** The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Adopt Budget Resolution 2021-5

Mayor Stump read Resolution 2021-5 to set the total mills at 103.32 and adopt the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. If there are no further question, I will entertain a motion to adopt the budget. Rahn Abbott moves to approve Resolution 2021-5. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council.** The motion passed unanimously.

Rahn Abbott motioned to adjourn the meeting. Emilie Saylor seconded the motion. **Mayor Stump called the question for the council.** The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved: Mayor Robert Stump

Attested: Clerk Ginger Galiger