

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**November 11, 2019**

**Brillion City Center**

**6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Deiter called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Mayor Gary Deiter, Alderpersons Mel Edinger, Tim Hanson, Joe Levash, Betty Nies, Sarah Pielhop, Joe Behnke, and Carrie Wenzel. Also present were City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Lori Gosz, Fire Chief Joey Diener, Public Works Director Andy Geiger, Police Chief JoAnn Mignon, Park & Rec Director Ann Marx, Librarian Rachel Hitt, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Joy Buboltz.

**GUESTS:** David Nordby from The Brillion News, Police Captain Kirk Schend, TJ Lamers, Paula Freimuth, Phil Cossen from Ehlers, Keeley Campbell.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** –Nies moved to approve the agenda as printed and circulated. Seconded by Behnke. Call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

**6:30 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – 2020 BUDGET:**

Mayor Deiter opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM and asked three (3) times for testimony for or against the proposed 2020 Budget. No testimony given. Mayor Deiter closed the Public Hearing at 6:31 PM.

**RESOLUTION – INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$1,540,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT NO. 5:**

Phil Cossen, Ehlers, explained this is the next step in the Environmental Remediation TID. With this borrowing the City will be fulfilling their required contribution to this TID, per the Developer’s Agreement with the Developer of the property. This borrowing will fund the majority of the City’s portion of that Developer’s Agreement.

Cossen explained this borrowing will count against the City’s General Obligation Debt Capacity Limit and will be issued for 20 years. He also explained that since these Bonds are taxable obligations they will not be designated as “bank qualified” obligations and will have a higher interest rate.

Cossen reviewed the Estimated Financing Plan. He explained at this time the amount of increment available is unknown. As of right now, the Cash Flow Projection is based on the \$5 million dollars that is being proposed for that development. So if there is any other development over that \$5 million it will help the TID.

Cossen reviewed the timeline for this borrowing. He will be attending the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with the results of the sale of this borrowing and it is hoped to close on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Gosz reported there are other grants being considered for this project.

**Motion** – Edinger moved to adopt Resolution #RE19-21, Initial Resolution authorizing \$1,540,000 General Obligation Bonds for Community Development Projects in Tax Incremental District #5. Seconded by Levash. Roll call taken. 7 votes cast. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION – DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO ELECTORS RELATING TO BOND ISSUE:**

Cossen explained that it is a requirement of a Municipality to publish a notice to the Electors for any bond the Municipality is looking to finance longer than ten (10) years.

**Motion** - Wenzel moved to adopt Resolution #RE19-22, Directing Publication of Notice to Electors relating to Bond issue. Seconded by Edinger. Roll call taken. 7 votes cast. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION – PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF \$1,540,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BONDS, SERIES 2019B:**

**Motion** – Levash moved to adopt Resolution #RE19-23, Providing for the Sale of \$1,540,000 Taxable General Obligation Community Development Bonds Series 2019B. Seconded by Edinger. Roll call taken. 7 votes cast. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION – CREATING LIBRARY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND:**

**Motion** - Edinger moved to adopt Resolution #RE19-24, a Resolution Creating a Library Special Revenue Fund for the City of Brillion, Calumet County, Wisconsin. Seconded by Wenzel. Roll call taken. 7 votes cast. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION – CREATING ROOM TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND:**

**Motion** - Nies moved to adopt Resolution #RE19-25, a Resolution Creating a Room Tax Special Revenue Fund for the City of Brillion, Calumet County, Wisconsin. Seconded by Hanson. Roll call taken. 7 votes cast. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION – USE OF CARRY-OVER TAX LEVY:**

**Motion** - Wenzel moved to adopt Resolution #RE19-26, a Resolution Authorizing the Use of Carry-Over Tax Levy Capacity under W.S.S. #66.0602(3)(f) for the 2019 Tax Levy Funding the 2020 City Operating Budget. Seconded by Edinger. Roll call taken. 7 votes cast. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION – 2020 BUDGET:**

**Motion** – Wenzel moved to adopt Resolution #RE19-27, a Resolution Adopting the 2020 Budget for the City of Brillion. Seconded by Edinger.

Pielhop stated she is not pleased with the amount of increase. Gosz explained that she was surprised with the increase in the Brillion School District’s levy. Gosz suggested not cutting any more from the budget and that the State of Wisconsin allows the use of a certain percentage of unused tax levy each year to be carried over.

Levash stated it is important to stay at the levy limit and stated he is disappointed that the Section 125 amount was not eliminated from the proposed budget. He stated the City needs to “tighten their belt”. Edinger agreed with the “tightening of the belt”, but stated as a City must look for additional revenue sources; i.e. wheel tax.

Discussion followed.

Roll call vote taken. 7 votes cast. 4 yes votes cast by Edinger, Hanson, Pielhop, and Wenzel. 3 no votes cast by Behnke, Nies, and Levash. Motion carried.

**REVIEW 5-YEAR CAPITAL FINANCIAL PLAN:**

Gosz stated this Plan was finalized after the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Budget Hearing. She explained the Plan. She explained the proposed street projects each year are sometimes switched to a different year.

Pielhop stated she was told that after 20 years the City would own the City Center building. TJ Lamers stated no; the building has been amortized for 30 years. He stated he is willing to work with the City Council on whatever makes the most sense for the City. Cossen stated he can put together financing for borrowing for the purchase of the City Center.

Gosz explained that at the end of 2019 the City did not have much borrowing capacity available. To date, we do. She presented the proposed future borrowing and discussed proposed borrowing for 2020.

Pielhop questioned the possibility of putting funds towards a new Safety Building.

Geiger reported on the progress of the lead service replacement being imposed on the City by the DNR.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Joy L. Buboltz  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer