

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
Minutes**

November 09, 2020

Brillion City Center

6:40 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Mel Edinger called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Mayor Mel Edinger, Tim Hanson, Joe Levash, Betty Nies, Sarah Pielhop, and Carrie Wenzel (via GOTO mtg.) Also present were Lori Gosz, Andy Geiger, Joey Diener, Ann Marx, Rachel Hitt, (via GOTO Mtg.) Kirk Schend, Patty Schreiber

GUESTS: Dan & Carrie Mertens, Michael Petrie, Peter Wills

Via GoTo Meeting: Ben B, Mike Smith, Dan Farrell, Mary Jo Krueger, Tammy Koehler, Brianna Abel, Mariah White, D.H., Cindy and Gene Sievert, Hank Horn

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion – Nies moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Hanson. Call vote taken. Motion carried.

6:30 PM Public Hearing-2021 Budget

Gosz explained with all levies now received the City has a 4% decrease from last year. Some monies are in reserves for future use.

- RDA -no increase
- Library- decrease as well
- \$16 million increased mainly by manufacturing assessment
- Overall assessed value increased by 8% mainly from manufacturing
- Mill rate .88 cents decrease per thousand of assessed value
- Prior to School Tax Levy: \$26.21 thousand proposed; \$27.08 thousand last year

Public Comment:

Michael Petrie thanked everyone for work on this budget and decrease in the mill rate

Resolution-Use of Carry-Over Tax Levy

1.5% carry over, maximum amount needed to complete the resolution. The amounts to \$23,573 plus last years unused funds.

Fire Department is the only one set up cover over unused funds.

1st time we have not pulled from the general fund balance.

Motion – Levash moved to adopt Resolution No. RE20-20 for use of carry-over tax levy. Seconded by Nies. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution-2021 Budget

Motion-Pielhop moved to table the budget until after the ambulance agreement. Gosz informed the Council the budget needs to be approved tonight because the budget needs to go to County by next week.

Motion rescinded.

Motion – Levash moved to adopt Resolution RE20-21 adopting the 2021 budget for the City of Brillion. Seconded by Wenzel. Roll call vote. Behnke, Hanson, Levash, Moehr, Nies, Wenzel in favor. Pielhop against. Motion carried.

SHORT TERM BORROWING-STATE BANK OF CHILTON

To pay lease on City Center

\$120,000-short term borrowing 90-day State Bank of Chilton

Motion- Nies moved to approve the Short-Term Borrowing-State Bank of Chilton. Seconded by Tim Hanson. Pielhop does not agree. Levash stated we need to discuss the purchase of the City Center in the December at the COW meeting. Gosz reported the allowable Debt Margin is \$4.3 million as of January 1st, 2021. Levash stated we still need to approve the short term borrowing tonight if we decide to purchase property at December COW meeting we would not need to act on this borrowing. Nies stated this gets it ready, so we can get on it if needed.

Roll call vote. Hanson, Levash, Moehr, Nies, Wenzel in favor. Behnke & Pielhop against. Motion carried.

HIRING OF ADMINISTRATOR

Closed Session per W.S.S. 19.85 (1)(c):

Motion-Pielhop made a motion to go into Close Session. Seconded by Levash. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole went into closed Session at 6:58 pm

Open Session:

Motion-Levash moved to return to Open Session. Seconded by Behnke. Motion carried

Motion- Pielhop moved to hire Peter Wills as Administrator/Community Development Director. Seconded by Levash. Roll call vote. 7 votes cast, 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Employee Agreement-Will add on an end date to the agreement, appointed by the majority vote of the Common Council.

Motion-Levash moved to approve the Employee Agreement with the change notes. Seconded by Pielhop. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Start date is November 16th.

Administrator Goals

- Spend time with Department Heads to create a working relationship. Understand roles.
- Budgets-Continue to drive down taxes- preference would be to gain more revenue.
- Spend time with Mark Olson & Bob Endries on empty buildings-look for opportunities in growth to become a destination City.
- EMS Buildings-Current issues

- Brillion Works-Roadway to Hwy 10
- City Center-Purchase or rent
- Education-Clerk-Treasurer certification, additional Department Head training
- Borrowing-Get under control
- Familiarize with State Statutes
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Opportunities
- Create a team-Develop the team
- Compliment the current companies in Brillion

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Patricia A Schreiber
Clerk/Treasurer