

City Council Budget Workshop #2 Meeting

July 27, 2021

City Hall – 201 Paradise Path

Present

Mayor, William A Cathey
Councilman, Bobby Pollock
Councilman, Jerry Smith
Councilwoman, Sharon Call
Councilman, Darrell Key

Also Present

City Administrator, Mario Gisbert
City Clerk, Tammy Brunson
City Accountant, Debbie McLeod

Meeting was Called to order at 10:45 a.m.

FY 2022 Budget Presentation

Ms. McLeod went over the changes made from the last meeting. She addressed the 3 different scenarios proposed for the millage rate as well as the cost-of-living percentage.

Discussion about what to have in reserves was brought up again. All agreed that another year of re-building after the storm should give a more realistic look at how to start to increase the reserves.

Questions about the sewer account increase were due to an increase in what Bay County charges us for sewer. Repairs and maintenance were increased due to 8 lift stations that need rehab.

Ms. McLeod informed Council that there was a 2.8-million-dollar grant given to the City by FDOT after the storm. That money was earmarked for another expenditure but has recently become available. The cost of a new garbage truck could come from there. All agreed to add a line item to the budget to fund a new 25-yard garbage truck. Hopes are to purchase a new truck every 5 years going forward.

Cost of living increases were discussed. Some felt a performance-based increase would be a better option. The consensus was between 3% and 5%.

Mr. Pollock motioned, and Mr. Key seconded to approve a 5% cost of living increase. The motion failed by a 3 to 2 vote.

Mr. Key motioned, and Ms. Call seconded to approve a 4% increase. The motion passed by a 3 to 2 vote.

After much discussion about the millage rate, all agreed to drop the rate from 8 mils to 7 mils.

Ms. McLeod will revise the budget to show the changes, report the millage change to the Property Appraisers office and take care of the statutory requirements. September 9th meeting will be the adoption of the budget and September 22nd will be the final adoption.

Mr. Pollock motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

By: _____

Mayor William A Cathey

Attest: _____

Tammy Brunson, City Clerk