

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special City Council meeting was duly held in the City Council chambers at 6:00 p.m. on the 1st day of December, 2020. The following members were present: Mayor Doug Henke, council members, Dan Rechtzigel, John Mortensen, and Tom Gard.

Absent: Richard Nielsen

Also present: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht

Citizens: Keith Cook

Township representatives: Bernie Overby, Matt Voxland, Joyce Anderson, and Sean Bauer.

Mayor Henke called the special fire contract meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2021 Fire Contract Meeting with Townships

City Administrator Vahlsing explained that the purpose of meeting was to review the proposed 2021 contracts for fire protection with the six townships in the Kenyon Fire Department service area. The contracts were based on a breakdown of 51% city and 49% township of the operating budget. Each township's portion of the budget was split based on the number of sections covered by the Fire Department. The budget showed a slight increase of 5% over 2020, which is mainly attributed to first responder training. The 2021 budget also includes a capital outlay of \$52,500 to pay the truck lease.

Bernie Overby, Kenyon Township, request a copy of the 2020 final budget. Vahlsing replied that the City would mail the final 2020 budget numbers to the township clerks in early February.

Motion by Gard second by Rechtzigel to adjourn the fire contract meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Mayor Henke called the special public budget and levy meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Public Budget and Levy discussion

Administrator Vahlsing stated that this Truth in Taxation meeting was designed for citizens who had questions about the proposed budget and levy for 2021. The maximum levy approved by the Council in September was 2.85%. This included a one percent cost of living increase for full-time employees and a four percent health insurance annual increase. No citizens had comments at this meeting. There was no further discussion. The final budget and levy will be approved at the regular council meeting on December 8, 2020.

Motion by Mortensen second by Rechtzigel to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant

Douglas Henke, Mayor