

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021. The following members were present: Mayor Doug Henke, council members, Dan Rechtzigel, Mary Bailey, and Molly Ryan.

Absent: Tom Gard

Also present: Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Finance Clerk Kathy Flikke, Fire Chief Lee Skillestad, Assistant Fire Chief Wayne Ehrich

Citizens: None

Township representatives: Matt Voxland, Steve Johnson, Jim Donkers, Keith Allen, and Sean Bauer.

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

### **2022 Fire Contract Meeting with Townships**

Mayor Henke explained that the purpose of meeting was to review the proposed 2022 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, which is mainly attributed to the purchase of six sets of turnout gear at. The 2022 budget also includes a capital outlay of \$64,500 to pay the truck lease. Assistant Fire Chief Ehrich answered questions from the Township board members.

Motion by Bailey second by Rechtzigel to adjourn the fire contract meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Mayor Henke called the special public budget and levy meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

### **Public Budget and Levy discussion**

Mayor Henke stated that this Truth in Taxation meeting was designed for citizens who had questions about the proposed budget and levy for 2022. The maximum levy approved by the Council in September was 6.49%. No citizens attended the meeting. There was no further discussion. Administrator Vahlsing was held up by a delayed flight and was unable to make it to the meeting, so the Council will discuss this further at a special meeting before the December council meeting.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Bailey to hold a special council meeting to further discuss the budget on Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

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Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant

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Douglas Henke, Mayor