

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL BUDGET & FINANCE BOARD**

**AUGUST 27, 2019**

Jean Soine called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Other members present were Neil Herzberg, Alicia LaBeau, Belinda Ludwig, Finance Specialist, and Renee Eckerly, City Administrator. Also present was Paul Wegner, Police Chief.

There were no minutes presented for approval.

**INVESTMENT UPDATE**

Eckerly reported that she had a meeting with Jeremy Willner, MAG Wealth Management and he stated that he was lacking in communication and he would email Eckerly each Monday with investment options.

**2020 BUDGET**

Eckerly reviewed the proposed 2020 budget:

- Bond \$100,000.00
- Fire Equipment \$10,000.00
- Wages 2.5% increase
- Motor vehicle increased \$25,737.00
  - 2005 revenue (same number of staff) was \$86,500.00
  - 2019 revenue has doubled to \$133,000.00 (same number of staff)
- Cable Franchise - FFC changed the fee structure to take off free services first before cutting check
- Lifeguards removed in both revenue and expenses
- Recreational Programs – same at 2019
- Election – Presidential Primary (new) additional judges pay
- In the budget is a full-time Customer Service person to work in motor vehicle and front counter
- Motor Vehicle Capital Improvement – budgeted for \$3,000.00 currently at \$98.00
- Police – Transfer of capital improvement has \$5,000.00 increase due to Stearns County replacing the RMS System in 2 years
- Uniforms – budgeted for current officers; not additional officers
- Police Telephone – has been posted to computer; now posted to telephone instead of computer support fees
- Training budget
- Eckerly will double check the wages for Feigum and LaPatka; not currently included and need to be added
- Eckerly will check Serocki's percentages
- West Central Chipper – Ask Mergen if the City can chip the trees.
- Street & Alleys – proposed was to increase \$20,000.00 the Committee increased it \$10,000.00
- Decreased sealcoating amount
- Decreased amount to CIP Park from \$30,000.00 to \$25,000.00

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with agenda items to include:

- \$10,000.00 CIP Street – reinstate
- Fire Department Training Budget

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.