

City Council Proceedings

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Special City Council Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2020

Mayor Nickolay called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Nickolay, Ryan, Bass, Seiler and Wolf.

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich, Patty Solheid, and Glen Sticha.

City Administrator Johnson and Finance Director Solheid provided the City Council with a brief overview of the City's Preliminary 2021 General Fund Budget, Debt Service Budget and 2021 Preliminary Property Tax Levy.

The preliminary proposed 2021 Property Tax Levy was \$4,493,550 (up \$190,017 or 4.4%) over the 2020 Levy of \$4,303,533 for the General Fund, Debt Service and EDA.


It was explained, that as usual in this time of the budget preparations that the proposed property tax levy that is to be adopted is the maximum levy and can only be reduced as the budget process proceeds. Once adopted, the preliminary levy cannot be increased as the Council reviews the Budget and the various proposed projects and activities for 2021.

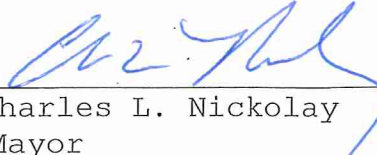
Although there were a number of questions posed by members of the Council, the group did not want to eliminate their options at this stage of the budget preparation process. City Administrator Johnson stated that there were a number of proposed expenses that could possibly be reduced or eliminated that would enable the property tax levy to be reduced. After discussion about the property tax levy, motion by Nickolay, seconded by Bass to reduce the levy from \$4,493,550 to \$4,473,550 and to approve *RESOLUTION #20-09-14-01 ADOPTING THE 2020 PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR TAXES PAYABLE IN 2021*. All voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

The Council discussed and set the initial Budget Workshop for Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Meetings after that date will be discussed at a later date.

It was moved by Nickolay, seconded by Seiler to adjourn at approximately 6:29 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

ATTEST:


Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator


Charles L. Nickolay
Mayor