

CITY OF GILLETT
FINANCE & PERSONNEL
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
150 N McKenzie Ave – Gillett, WI 54124
TUESDAY DECEMBER 21ST, 2020 AT 5:00 PM
MINUTES

Chairperson Hubbard called the meeting to order at 5 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Alderpersons Sandra Hubbard, Marie Blaser, Debbie Rudie, Matthew Stroik, Nanette Mohr, Deputy Clerk Tonni Larson, Mayor, Josh McCarthy and Greg Pitel of Kerber Rose.

Clerk informs Committee that Open Meeting Law has been complied with and Roll has been taken.

PUBLIC INPUT – To begin, Mayor McCarthy read a thank you letter from Nanette Mohr in regards to the memorial for the recent death of her beloved husband Chuck. McCarthy read the letter out loud to the group. Mohr thanked everyone for thoughts, prayers and support during the difficult time for her and her family. She explained what it meant to her and how it was greatly appreciated.

Mayor McCarthy provided two handouts under Public Input. The first being a typed compliant that submitted via the drop box that was not signed and did not provide phone number, email or address for a response. McCarthy read the compliant out loud and the Council stated that without a full name and contact information, they could not and would not be responding at this time. The second handout was a letter of intent and offer from Emmanuel Bruno to purchase the four remaining lots in the City's owned subdivision. McCarthy noted that this was for information purposes only at this time and the offer will be an agenda item for the Planning Committee in the coming weeks. Rudie stated she thought a planning meeting might be necessary prior to yearend.

1. Discussion with Accounting Kerber Rose on the calculation of the 2020 Property Taxes

The meeting was called for review and clarification of the 2020 levy and property tax bills. Kerber Rose was asked to attend for review of the tax calculation related to the 2021 budget. Pitel provided two handouts. One highlighting the comparison between the 2019 and 2020 Operating Levy and the Debt Service Levy and the second was a breakdown of the current and new General Obligation Debt or details for the Debt Service Levy. He noted that the overall increase was related directly to the improvement projects and increased debt the City took on in 2020. Rudie asked for the final 2020 mill rate compared to 2019. Pitel stated that in 2019 it was \$9 and for 2020 it increased to \$10.60. This would add \$1.60 per hundred thousand dollars of property value for the City's portion. He reminded everyone of the school referendum that was a part of the increase and that the county and NWTC are also a part of the tax bill. (School district is 15.46, NWTC .985 and the County is .421)

Next the committee discussed the 2021 budget and proper allocation of funds. Following discussion it was decided that the following would be reallocated.

City Building Maintenance would be reduced from \$15,000 to \$1,500. Street Light Maintenance would drop of \$16,000 to \$2,000 and the rental of the sports complex would be increased to \$6,000 per year. Building Inspector would be reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000 and would be paid per permit covering all cost of the inspection and to include administrative fees for the City. Capital outlay would be at \$72,000 to cover the cost of the garbage carts being purchased. Total 2021

budget was not changing but funds were being reallocated. Pitel will make the discussed changes and provide the Council with the final 2021 budget.

In addition the City is planning to restructure and refinance four debts to increase cash flow and to save money in this current low interest rate environment.

It was discussed that Kerber Rose would come in on a bi-monthly or at a minimum quarterly to review budget versus actual numbers with the Council. Pital said he would meet with the Council once all yearend numbers are finalized.

McCarthy feels 2020 was a tough year for many but felt we were building a strong foundation for 2021 and years to come for the City. The group agreed that the above reallocation of line items was necessary and would not change the overall 2021 budget plan or bottom line or expected outcome.

2. MOTION: Blaser/ Rudie

Motion to adjourn at 6:53pm

Voice Vote: All Ayes MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by
Deputy Clerk Tonni Larson