

January 4, 2020

A special meeting of the City Council was held on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall. Mayor Donker presided.

Councilmen present: Steve Arnosky, Diane Brown Wilhelm, Maureen Donker, Marty Wazbinski

Councilmen absent: Pamela Hall (arrived at 9:17 a.m.)

CITY COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION

The Communities of Excellence through Sharon Mortensen provided information regarding Vision 2030 and Communities of Excellence 2026.

The Director of Library Services Miriam Andrus gave an update on the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, its operations and changes in processes and procedures.

Department heads provided updates and information on projects within the City. Discussions were held on the following areas: Storm and Sanitary Sewer Study, IT Plan Update, City Hall upgrades, Community Development Block Grant Funding, Site Plan Review, Recycling Contracts, as well as upcoming projects within the City of Midland. MCTV was also discussed as it relates to political programming.

Assistant City Manager Dave Keenan outlined the anticipated financial performance of the organization for the remainder of the year and expected financial position of the City for the FY 2020 - 2021.

Mayor Donker led Council in a conversation in reviewing the FY 2019-2020 goals and to further discuss FY 2020-2021 with budget directives and general directives presented to staff.

The directives presented to staff for the FY 2020-2021 budget:

- Public services will be maintained at the highest level financially feasible under current economic and budget conditions.
- \$100,000 of additional funding (approximately .05 mills) will be budgeted to the Stormwater Fund to be used for flood response programs and activities.
- \$500,000 of additional funding (approximately .25 mills) will be budgeted to the Wastewater Fund to be used for flood response programs and activities.
- Approximately \$394,000 of additional funding will be required to satisfy the Act 345 Pension Plan annual required contribution. This will increase the Act 345 Pension component of the City's millage rate by approximately .1957 mills. This millage increase will not cause there to be equal offsetting reductions in the other millage components, thus potentially causing an increase to the City's total millage rate.
- \$1,600,000 from each of the May 2019 and May 2020 personal property tax reimbursement will be utilized for budget stabilization purposes.
- The anticipated maximum millage rate for the FY 2020-2021 is 15.5460 mills, or an increase of .4075 mills.
- It is anticipated that \$750,000 in budget savings will be made available during the budget process to help balance the 2020-2021 budget. Any savings found in excess of that amount shall be directed to the building improvements for City Hall.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

James O. Branson III, Deputy City Clerk