

CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

AUGUST 24, 2020
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Michael Higbee	Council President	Jeremy Engbaum	Police Chief
Pam McClain	Council Member	Autumn Jones	Billing Clerk
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	
Kelly Peterson	Council Member		

Because of the recent COVID-19 pandemic Buhl City Council made this meeting available telephonically.

PUBLIC HEARING opened at 6:05 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

The process of developing and proposing the budget was summarized. And because of changes after being published due to COVID-19 funds and L2 changes the figures that will be requested on the L2 are less that what was published. Karen explained a spreadsheet she presented that was developed by Elizabeth detailing the changes for each step. Because items had not been detailed out from the state prior to publishing Elizabeth had put the funds into the administrations contingency fund. After everything was finalized from the state it was detailed those funds could not be submitted on the L2 and that reduced the contingency but also allowed the requested budget amount to be less than what was published.

There was no testimony in support proposed budget.

There was no testimony against the proposed budget.

The hearing was closed at 6:23 PM.

WORKING SESSION called to order at 6:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of August 3, 2020 – Special Working Meeting
2. Minutes of August 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting
3. Bi-Monthly Claims for Payment
4. Clerk Report
5. Treasurer Report

Pam McClain moved to approve the consent agenda. Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. Mayor McCauley noted that he was not listed at the August 10th meeting but he was in attendance. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Consideration of Public Testimony on FY 2020-2021 Budget: Pam moved to approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented in the updated documents. Michael seconded the motion. There was no discussion and a roll call vote on the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Rural Health Care Access Program Grant letter of Support for Family Health Services: Mayor McCauley explained he had been approached by Family Health Services for a letter of support for the Rural Health Care Access Program Grant application. Michael explained the process that is used in the for the tele pharmacy and noted concerns that patients will never see a pharmacist. There was further discussion about the request and it was questioned if Buhl is underserved with the pharmacies that we currently have and it was noted citizens are provided great service form the pharmacy's that we have. Michael noted the pharmacy they have is already open this is a grant through COVID funding. Pam moved to write a grant support letter. There was no second and the motion failed.

Review and Consideration of Chamber of Commerce Night Light Parade: Michelle Olsen with the Buhl Chamber of Commerce presented the route for the 2020 Night Light Parade. The event will be held on December 5th with the same starting place and route as the previous number of years. Pam moved to approve the Night Light Parade. Sue seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Request for beer in Eastman Park: Karen explained the details she had for the event which wasn't much more than what was presented in the email request. Michael moved to approve the beer in Eastman Park request for the Vandal pot luck. Pam seconded the motion. There was a discussion of the possibility that if attendees are attending the event and using the frisbee golf course that beer could potentially be all over the park. There was vote on the motion which failed. Michael moved to approve the beer in the dining area with the

use of wrist bands for attendees and the event needs to pickup and deal with their own garbage. Pam seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Review and Consideration of Commercial Kennel License: Karen informed Council that according to Buhl City Code a commercial breeder must obtain a commercial kennel license. This breeder has had not complaints but they are an advertised breeder. The puppies are kept inside so they have not been a noise issue. The application had been presented to the planning and zoning board who had approved it. Michael moved to approve the commercial kennel license. Pam seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Council Concerns

Pam stated she liked receiving the information for the night light parade in the packet so the information could be reviewed. She asked if that could be done for future events.

Kelly stated he had been approached concerning compression brakes on Clear Lakes Road. Chief Engbaum state that if the state doesn't put sign up then hard to enforce if officer doesn't hear it. Regie added the state doesn't want to clutter the edge of the road with signs. Id was suggested the citizen try politely talk with the company that the truck belongs to.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Michael Higbee moved that the meeting be adjourned; Pam McClain seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk