

Cloquet City Council Work Session

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

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Present: W. Carlson, S. Lamb, K. Kolodge, L. Wilkinson, Mayor Maki

Absent: S. Langley

Staff: Reeves, Barclay, Klassen, Hansen, Peterson, Ferrell

Councilor Ward 3 Candidate Interviews

Councilors interviewed 4 candidates for appointment to the vacant Ward 3 Council seat. This appointment is for the interim period until the special election on November 5, 2019. Candidates interviewed included Chris Swanson, Uriah Wilkinson, Cory Martinson and Ray Schow.

Following the interviews, Council discussed various views and options of the appointment. The appointment will be made during tonight's regular meeting.

CAFD By Laws Discussion

Council was given a draft of the updated CAFD By Laws for review at the July 2nd Work Session. There were no questions or concerns.

2020 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Reeves reviewed the summary budget and explained the proposed levy is approximately 11%, a 1.29% increase from 2019. This includes approved union contract salary increases and an approximate 10% increase in health insurance. Mr. Reeves stated the biggest changes from last year are the increase in LGA which is \$188,000 more than 2019, adding \$90,000 in tax levy for the library expansion bonding, and a \$45,000 tax levy to the Public Works reserve to cover capital purchases.

A number of requested items were removed for future Council consideration. These items can be added back into the budget after further discussion. Mr. Reeves also stated that all computers need to be upgraded to Windows 10 and is a large part of the levy increase.

Budget, CIP and Sales Tax CIP discussions will continue at each Work Session until the adoption of the preliminary levy and budget in September.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Reeves
City Administrator