

Meade City Council Special Meeting Minutes  
July 16, 2019

The special council meeting was called to order in the council meeting room at 5:15 PM by Mayor Richard Knott. Council members present were Roger Musgrove, Bart Fischer, JD Hegwood and Lance Delissa. Also, present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitor to the meeting was Rodney Hay, Hay Rice Associates, Chartered.

Mayor called the meeting to order and introduced Rodney Hay. Steve Rice has retired and Rodney Hay will be presenting the budget to the council. Hay stated that the cash balances of the city are stable. The mill levy will decrease from 86.11 to 84.35 due to an increase in valuations.

DeLissa felt the Public Safety fund needed an increase due to the cost of police equipment. There are increasing requirements for officers such as body cameras and Tasers. There was not enough money in the fund for the new police vehicle and the mobile data units so the payments for the lease-purchase agreements will come from this fund and DeLissa felt it will continue to be behind if the budget for the fund is not increased.

Hegwood would like to see an increase in the water improvement fund and Cordes agreed that the city is going to have to start on that project. Replacing and/or updating water mains will be a bigger challenge and cost than the electrical improvements have been. The current amount in the fund is not going to be nearly enough to cover the cost of the project.

Council discussed at length if the mill levy should be increased for the public safety fund due to the increased costs of the police department or if the increasing cost of the police department should continue to come from the general fund. Musgrove commented that funding the police department should be a priority and as technology improves the police department needs to be able to keep up with the changes. Cordes suggested moving some municipal building fund levy to the public safety fund levy. Once the brick project is finished most of the work at the municipal building should be finished. The costs of upgrades to the server in the City Clerk's office will come from the Municipal fund but there should be enough to cover both projects. Council decided to keep mill levy the same but move 1.5 mills from the general and add it to the safety fund.

Musgrove motioned, seconded by DeLissa, to approve the 2020 budget with the stated adjustments and leave the mill levy at the reduced amount of 84.35. Motion carried with all in favor.

The budget hearing will be on August 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Hegwood motioned, seconded by DeLissa to make the following annual budgetary transfers:

\$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the City Improvement Fund

\$25,000.00 from the General Fund to the Special Equipment Fund

\$35,000.00 from the Water Fund to the Electric Fund

\$20,000.00 from the Electric Fund to the General Fund

\$5,000.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Truck Equipment Reserve

Fischer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by DeLissa. Motion carried with all in favor.

ATTEST:

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Richard Knott, Mayor

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Janet Gleason, City Clerk