

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Rapid City, South Dakota
August 26, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Rapid City was held at City Hall in Rapid City, South Dakota on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Steve Allender and the following Alderpersons: Greg Strommen, Lance Lehmann, Jason Salamun, Ritchie Nordstrom, Darla Drew, Laura Armstrong, Bill Evans, and Pat Jones; the following Alderpersons arrived during the course of the meeting: None; and the following were absent: John Roberts.

Staff members present included: Finance Officer Pauline Sumption, Deputy Finance Officer Tracy Davis and Administrative Coordinator Heidi Weaver

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Council President Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Jones, second by Lehmann and carried to adopt the agenda.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No speaker request forms were submitted.

NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Armstrong read in item (CC082620-01) City Council Discussion of the Mayor's 2021 Budget. Nordstrom stated he was comfortable with the budget. Jones was impressed with the recycling facility. He urged everyone to recycle because it benefits all of us. Drew said more is being done with low income housing. She said the PD was doing a great job and they should be fully funded. Salamun acknowledged Pauline Sumption for refinancing a bond and saving the city \$2.3 million dollars. He said he emailed the mayor and council with his budget questions. His questions were answered and everyone was able to see the explanations. In response to a question from Drew, Sumption said the Human Relations Commission position is being budgeted with the attorney's funds. One position with Human Resources is not being filled so this washes out the FTE addition. Drew said the arts community is happy to have funding back to what it was in previous years. Jones said the all-state band and orchestra competition brings in lots of revenue for Rapid City. Evans said the budget was easy to follow. He suggested that more online detailed "links" be attached next year for each department. Armstrong was happy with how everyone worked together and thanked everyone. Motion was made by Nordstrom, second by Strommen and carried to acknowledge the discussion.

Armstrong read in item (CC082620-02) Approve Resolution 2020-069 of Intent to take the statutory authorized increase in property tax revenue as part of the annual appropriation ordinance for the 2021 fiscal year. Motion was made by Drew, second by Strommen to approve. Jones asked how much revenue this will bring in. Sumption said \$319,457. Nordstrom stated he would like to get rid of the resolution to pass the statutory authorized increase in property tax revenue each year. Sumption said that Rapid City is the only city that votes on this by resolution. Sumption offered to speak with Landeen if this is something the council wishes to do in the future. In response to a question from Drew, Sumption said the city did not take the increase in 2008, 2011, 2012 and 2013. The city ended up losing approximately \$11 million by not taking the increase.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-069

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO TAKE THE STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED INCREASE IN
PROPERTY TAX REVENUE AS PART OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
FOR 2021.

WHEREAS, SDCL 10-13-35 limits cities ability to increase the revenue collected from property taxes in their annual budgets; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the City of Rapid City may only increase the revenue collected from property taxes by the amount of growth and by the amount of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3% whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the City may choose to take all of the statutorily authorized increase in property taxes, may choose to take part of the increase, or may choose to forego any increase in property taxes as part of its annual appropriation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted Resolution No. 2012-004 which requires the City Council to approve a resolution that informs the community that the City intends to take the statutorily authorized increase in property taxes as part of the City's annual appropriation ordinance prior to second reading of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City is allowed by state law to take a 1.7% increase in property taxes for 2021 which equals approximately \$319,457 in additional property tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed City budget for 2021 includes the statutorily authorized increase in property taxes to account for inflation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rapid City intends to take the statutorily authorized increase in property taxes of 1.7% for 2021 as part of the annual appropriation ordinance.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2020

CITY OF RAPID CITY
s/ Steve Allender
Mayor

ATTEST:
s/ Pauline Sumption
Finance Officer
(SEAL)

Armstrong read in item (CC082620-03) First Reading, Ordinance 6441, regarding FY2021 Appropriation Ordinance. Motion was made by Jones, second by Nordstrom and carried that Ordinance 6441 be placed upon its first reading and the title was fully and distinctly read and second reading set for Tuesday, 8, 2020.

Armstrong asked if council wanted anymore budget hearing meetings. They agreed that no more budget meetings were needed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion was made by Jones second by Strommen and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

ATTEST:

Finance Officer
(SEAL)

Mayor