



City of SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Special Budget Meeting

Monday, March 8th, 2021

MINUTES

Mayor Robinson called the Special Meeting to order at 7:07 PM, following the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Robinson, City Clerk li, Aldermen Dell, Killey, Kreinbrink, Littlebrant, Surratt & Whitecotton

Also present: Wes Levy (Lauterbach & Amen), Department of Public Works / City Engineer Horak, Chief Bianchi & EMA Director Ciciora

Discussion on the 2021-2020 Budget: Tom Ciciora, Director of the Emergency Management Agency for the City, discussed his proposed budget FY 2021-2022. Emphasis was placed on the Railroad Street siren that dates from the mid 1960's. The estimated life cycle and technology on a unit is 25 years, and the current replacement cost is \$23,374.00. The City has a total of six sirens.

Source of funding becomes an issue due to lack of impact fees on new construction. There are grant opportunities noting that TransAmerica paid for a new siren in 2016. EMA Ciciora suggested the Council set aside \$5,000 annually for siren replacements. One siren installed in 2004 will need replacement in 2028. It was noted that there is \$25,000 in the EMA budget that could be used for siren replacement, but EMA Ciciora pointed out that was grant money earmarked for EOC (Emergency Operations Center).

EMA Ciciora briefly discussed vehicle replacement anticipating current vehicles (1991 Impala and a 2001 Explorer) will need to be replaced in 2024 and 2026, respectively. Vehicles have historically been retired police vehicles that already have the lighting packaged installed. He recommends that future installations be done by a contractor and proposed setting aside \$500 annually for future vehicle commissioning.

Audience Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Alderman Surratt and seconded by Alderman Dell to adjourn the Special Budget Meeting at 7:32 PM. Motion carried unanimously by viva voce vote.

/s/ Denise li – City Clerk