



City of **SANDWICH, ILLINOIS**

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Special Budget Meeting
Monday, March 22nd, 2021

MINUTES

Mayor Robinson called the Special Meeting to order at 7:15 PM, following the Regular Council Meeting.

Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Robinson, Aldermen Dell, Killey, Kreinbrink, Littlebrant, Surratt & Whitecotton; Chief Bianchi

Absent: City Clerk li

Discussion on the 2021-2020 Budget (Police Department): In his presentation, Chief Bianchi said his budget is basically the same as the current budget. The only major change will be the purchase of an undercover vehicle. The goal is to retire two vehicles and trade in a third vehicle. Chief Bianchi also explained how the department can utilize forfeiture vehicles for the City's benefit as designated by the Courts.

There was discussion on hiring a 4th sergeant and reducing the number of patrol officers to 11. This was budgeted in the current budget but never came to fruition. Chief is again requesting a 4th sergeant. When questioned about savings by not hiring a 4th sergeant, Mayor Robinson said the savings would not be significant and estimated the additional salary at \$10,000 to promote a patrol officer to sergeant.

The new budget calls for the replacement of three computers. Question was raised regarding the cost of computer maintenance. Chief Bianchi replied he has not seen the contract with Reliable Computers and was not part of the discussion for departmental division on contract costs. He used the same number as shown in the current budget.

The Council will hold a special budget meeting following the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021. Discussion will concentrate on the Water & Sewer Departments. On April 12th, a special budget meeting will be held to discuss Administration budget and capital projects.

Audience Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Alderman Littlebrant and seconded by Alderman Surratt to adjourn the Special Budget Meeting at 7:52 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

/s/ Richard W. Robinson, Mayor