



City of
SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

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Special Meeting Minutes

City Council Chambers

Monday, April 29th, 2019

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Olson, City Clerk li, Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killely, McMahon, Redden, Robinson & Surratt

Also Present: Attorney Harrill, Chief Bianchi, Director of Public Works / City Engineer Horak, EMA Director Ciciora, & City Treasurer Webber

Public Hearing on City's Tentative May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 Annual Budget

- (a) Motion made by Alderman Kelleher, and seconded by Alderwoman Chmielewski, to open the Public Hearing on the City's Tentative 2019-2020 Annual Budget. Motion carried on unanimously on voice vote.**
- (b) Explanation of the reasons for the budget and any proposed increase or decrease or additional or deleted programs:** Wes Levy, representing Lauterbach & Amen, presented two budget proposals. First version was a \$8,841,189.00 budget that did not include the proposed police safety building. The second version was a \$11,541,189.00 budget that included financing of the building. From the April 22nd meeting, overall adjustments included funding the Epic Light Show (\$225,000.00), funding the police station (\$3,400,000.00), and salary payouts totaling \$130,000.00. Council favored the second version that included the police station proposal.
- (c) Persons desiring to be heard with opportunity to present testimony and examine witnesses:** None
- (d) Motion made by Alderman Surratt, and seconded by Alderman Kelleher, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried on unanimously on voice vote**

Continued Discussion on 2019-2020 Annual Budget: The City learned it was not awarded the Safe Route to School grant in the amount of \$200,000.00. The City had expended \$30,000.00 for engineering that will now be moved to capital improvements for sidewalks, and the grant money proceeds will be removed from the budget. Also discussed was salaries for non-union staff. A 3% salary increase had been figured into the budget; however, Council via straw vote decided to decrease that amount to 2.5%. Savings to the City will be \$7,500.00. Insurance benefits for city staff is a 85/15 split that matches the FOP contract. Because insurance renewals are held in November, Council decided to maintain status quo for insurance benefits with the employee continuing to pay 15%. Council agreed to a \$3 million-dollar bond to remodel the proposed police station on 6th Street and take \$200,000.00 out of the reserve fund to help fund. To be able to accommodate the annual bond payment estimated to be \$225,600.00, the dispatch center will be downsized from 4 full-time and 4 part-time people to one person working 8 am – 4 pm Monday through Friday. During the off hours, dispatching will be outsourced to DeKalb County. Salary for the Economic Director was reduced from \$45,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Discussion continued on the proposed Epic Light Show for the Christmas holiday season. Several aldermen were uncomfortable with so many costs were unknown at this time. A 5-year projection was prepared by Alderman Redden that netted a profit of \$48,100.00 in Year 4 & 5. Lastly, the debate to design a new website at a cost of \$10,000.00 lost to a majority straw vote.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2019-04 entitled “Ordinance of the City of Sandwich Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020”. **So moved by Alderman Kelleher, and seconded by Alderman Dell. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon & Robinson Nay: Aldermen Redden & Surratt Motion carried 6:2**

Adjournment: There being no further business, **motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Redden to adjourn the Budget Meeting 9:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

/s/ Denise Li, City Clerk