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MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, STATE OF ARIZONA, HELD FROM MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020 STARTING AT 5:30 PM EACH NIGHT, AT THE CITY OF BISBEE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 915 S. TOVREAVILLE ROAD, BISBEE, ARIZONA.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR SMITH AT 5:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL

Councilmember Louis Pawlik, Ward III, Mayor Pro Tempore
Councilmember Joni Giacomino, Ward II
Councilmember Bill Higgins, Ward I
Mayor David M. Smith
Councilmember Leslie Johns, Ward I
Councilmember Joan Hansen, Ward II
Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III

STAFF

Theresa Coleman, City Manager
Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk
Keri Bagley, Finance Director
Joelle Landers, Personnel Director
Albert Echave, Police Chief
George Castillo, Fire Chief

CITY ATTORNEY

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS DISCUSSED AND/OR CONSIDERED AT THESE MEETINGS:

- Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and Possible Direction to Staff for changes to be made prior to Formal Approval.
Theresa Coleman, City Manager
Keri Bagley, Finance Director

Mayor Smith said that it was within the City Manager's job description to present the Council with a balanced budget. One of the most important jobs of the Council was to go through the budget and then pass that budget.

Ms. Coleman indicated that there were a few questions ahead of time they were as follows:

- City Sales Tax: increased by \$230,000 which would be a portion of a potential new 1% sales tax, which was included in the budget figure.

Mayor Smith said that the public comment given before and/or during the meeting would be discussed at that time in the budget.

- Donna Pulling, Bisbee resident commented on revenue; sales tax, shared revenue, ambulance fees and earned interest.

Ms. Coleman, Ms. Bagley and the Fire Chief addressed Ms. Pulling concerns and questions that came from the Council.

Mayor and Council discussed and had questions regarding General Fund Revenue. Ms. Coleman and Ms. Bagley welcomed the Council's discussion, suggestions and answered their questions.

- Ken Budge, Bisbee resident asked if we were basing revenue on a "Yes" vote on the 1% increase Sales Tax.

Mayor and Council continued to discuss the General Fund Revenue and ask questions. Ms. Coleman and Ms. Bagley answered their questions.

Ms. Bagley and Ms. Coleman presented and discussed with the Council the General Fund Expenditures and Revenues to include the following:

- Mayor and Council
 - Donna Pulling, Bisbee resident asked that Mayor and Council decline their salaries for a total of \$19,200 savings, to eliminate the \$3,000 for Education and Training and not to renew their membership for the League of Cities \$7,165.
 - Councilmember Pawlik wanted to ask the Attorney about the Council being furloughed as a cost saving measure.
 - Councilmember Anna Cline asked if the Fireworks line item could be increased by \$1,500.00.
 - Councilmember Giacomino asked if the \$1,500.00 for Fireworks could be taken from Parks & Recreation budget.
- City Manager
- Finance
- City Clerk: Review for Clerk- budget for increase even if not used.
- Community Development: Part-time position would assist the Building Inspector / Fire Inspector.
- Administration and General Government
- Personnel
- Legal Services
- Water Systems
- Information Systems
- Police Department: Wages reflect \$1.00 raise per hour for Officers as well as Dispatcher.
- Fire Department: Increase in wages attributed to when minimum wage went up. An Increase in wages for the department was requested, but not given.
 - Councilmember Cline and Giacomino would like it to be looked into getting an ambulance and/or newer vehicles for the Fire Department.

Mayor and Council discussed and had questions regarding the proposed draft budget presented. They answered and discussed the public comments submitted during the meeting. Ms. Coleman, Ms. Bagley and Department Heads welcomed the Council's and public's comments, discussion, suggestions and answered questions throughout the presentation.

MOTION: Councilmember Higgins moved to go into recess.

SECOND: Councilmember Johns

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT: 7:27pm

David M. Smith, Mayor