

February 18, 2019  
City Council Budget Workshop Minutes

The February 18, 2019 City Council Budget Workshop meeting was called to order at 5:45PM by Mayor Staner. Hosch, Kelchen, Rausch, Knepper and Delaney answered roll call.

A motion was made by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Council continued to discuss the budget for FY20. The levy rate was discussed and it will see a very slight increase, but still remain low like it has been over many years. Streets where water main breaks or service lines were repaired was discussed. These areas need to be compacted well before asphaltting and it needs to be done sooner rather than later. The pool season was discussed, along with the pool pass prices since the season will be shortened due to construction on the new pool starting August 1<sup>st</sup>. The City Administrator will review and take a recommendation to the Council. The local access equipment was again discussed. If everything was to be replaced it would be almost \$30,000. It was mentioned if we could connect the local access with our live streaming. Mike Delaney and the City Administrator will look into this since the software for the local access equipment is dated and it may not keep working with the computer software. Funding organization requests was discussed again. The Council will receive information on what the organization used the funds for in this fiscal year and what they are requesting funds for in the next fiscal year. The Council will pass a resolution approving the funds to be issued prior to the checks being written. Street lighting was discussed. In the downtown alleys with the underground conversion, lights need to be placed. Council would like to use the old wooden poles in the alleys instead of purchasing new poles, but LED light fixtures will be added to the wooden poles. If the budget warrants extra money to be spent on street lights, Council would like to order the remaining poles necessary for the downtown. It was also discussed adding "increasing the utility board members to 5" on the November election ballot. The City Administrator will check into this since she remembers that if a vote fails then there is a waiting period before it can be placed on a ballot again. The budget will be submitted to the paper for publication and the public hearing will be held March 11<sup>th</sup> at the regular city council meeting.

With no other business, Rausch moved and Delaney seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20p.m. Motion carried.