

The Committee of Whole of the City of Horicon met in regular session on October 28, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Alders Present: Maas, Marschke, Bandsma, Frami, Miller, and Vanderhei.
Alders Absent: None.

Mayor Grigg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the Committee of Whole was to conduct a review of the 2022 Preliminary Budget and to formulate the budget for publication.

Kristen Jacobson, Clerk-Treasurer, provided the following key points of the General Fund Preliminary Budget:

- The proposed levy for 2022 is the maximum permitted by the state under current levy requirements.
 - General Fund levy increasing \$18,910, .90%
 - Debt Service Fund levy increasing \$106,464, 33.72%
 - Total levy increase of 5.21%
- Increase in levies do not necessarily equal an increase in the City's mill rate (tax rate).
- The City can increase expenditures 3.5% over 2021 and still qualify for the Expenditure Restraint Program.
 - Expenditures can increase \$139,743, Preliminary Budget calls for \$135,751 increase
 - City has healthy fund balance to apply for adoption of a deficit budget
 - Estimated payment for ERP is \$91,000
- General Fund Preliminary Budget has a deficit of \$125,429.

A review of the Library budget was held with Library Director Alexandra Harvancik.

A review of the Municipal Court budget was held.

A review of the EMS budget was held with EMS employee Kim Campi.

The Fire Department budget was reviewed with Fire Chief Mark Tesch.

The Safety Building and Police Department budgets were reviewed with Acting Police Chief Amy Yahnke.

The Public Works and Parks budgets were reviewed with Working Foreman Rich Gerth.

The Aquatic Center budget was reviewed with Cody Vanderhei, Water/Wastewater Operator III In Charge.

Jacobson reviewed the Cemetery budget.

The Municipal Building and City Clerk budgets were reviewed by Jacobson.

Discussion was held relating to the need of a full-time EMS position and the availability of funding.

Jacobson provided brief reviews of Funds 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 404, 405, and 406.

Requested purchases in Fund 410 – Capital Equipment Fund were reviewed. The price for the 2022 Pierce Pumper was reduced by \$29,840, the cost associated with an attached drone.

Projects in Fund 425 – Capital Project fund were reviewed.

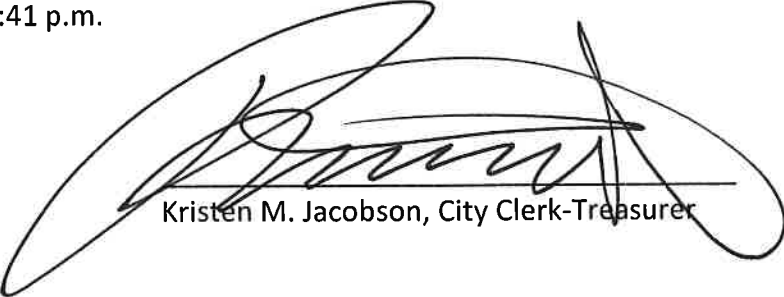
A review of the Utilities Budget was held with Cody Vanderhei. Items discussed included the outlay items and projects. No items were removed from the budget and no notation of utilizing funding sources to finance items were submitted nor discussed. It was noted the Water Utility must complete a rate study as expenses outweigh revenues without sufficient fund balance.

Jacobson provided a brief review of Fund 802.

Consensus to approve the Preliminary Budget for publication as presented with a total levy of \$2,530,856, creating a deficit budget of \$125,429.

Jacobson announced the Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget would be held on November 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. during the regular November Council meeting.

Motion by Miller, second by Bandsma, to adjourn.
All voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.



Kristen M. Jacobson, City Clerk-Treasurer

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