

The Committee of Whole of the City of Horicon met in regular session on October 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grigg at 6:07 p.m.

Alders Present: Hady, 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 2020 Preliminary Budget and to formulate the budget for publication.

Kristen Jacobson, Clerk-Treasurer, stated the General Fund levy for 2020 increased \$22,730 (1.12%) and the Debt Service levy increased \$39,898 (12.05%), resulting in an overall levy increase of 2.65%. Jacobson noted the increase in the Debt Service levy is due to the beginning of debt payments for the West Lake Street Reconstruction Project. She also noted the proposed levy for 2020 is the maximum allowed underneath current levy requirements.

Jacobson announced the Preliminary Budget has a deficit of \$17,317.

Jacobson reviewed several increases in revenue due to increased State Aid resulting in an increase in 2020 revenues of 2.28%. Jacobson stated the expenditures have increased 2.74%, \$104,407, over 2019. Jacobson stated the State has not yet released the percentage to comply with the Expenditure Restraint Program, but she anticipates it will be 2.3%. She added that in order to comply with the Expenditure Restraint Program it will be necessary for the Committee to trim \$16,654 from the Preliminary Budget.

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

A review of the EMS budget was held with EMS Coordinator Carole Baker.

A review of the Municipal Court budget was held with Municipal Judge Patrick Bulman.

A review of the Fire Department budget was held with Fire Chief Mark Tesch. Discussion was held relating to the need for code compliant turn out gear and the removal of the fire truck from the 2020 Budget.

The Safety Building and Police Department budgets were reviewed with Police Chief Joseph Adamson.

The Public Works and Aquatic Center budgets were reviewed with Director of Public Works-Utilities Tim Kingman. Removed from the budget was \$6,000 from Tree & Brush Control Outlay – Tree Removal for Ash Tree removal.

A review of the Cemetery budget was held.

The Municipal Building and City Clerk budgets were reviewed with Clerk-Treasurer Kristen Jacobson. Replacement of an HVAC unit at the Municipal Building in the amount of \$10,500 was removed from the budget.

Fire Department Outlay – Other Capital Equipment Outlay was reduced by \$91, to \$22,340, to accommodate the purchase of an additional set of turn out gear and reduce the number of helmets purchased to three and to remove the purchase of the Blitzfire portable monitor.

Labor Negotiator – Labor Attorney was reduced by \$63.

Jacobson announced the above reductions and changes reduced expenses by \$16,654, creating a 2.3% increase in expenses over 2019 which should allow the City to qualify for the Expenditure Restraint Program.

Jacobson provided brief reviews of Funds 210, 220, 230, 240, 300, 404, 405, and 406.

Requested purchases in Fund 410 – Capital Equipment Fund were reviewed.

Projects in Fund 425 – Capital Project Fund were reviewed.

A review of the Utilities Budget was held with Kingman. Items discussed included the outlay purchases and projects. There were no items removed from the budget or notation of utilizing funding sources other than fund balance to finance the items.

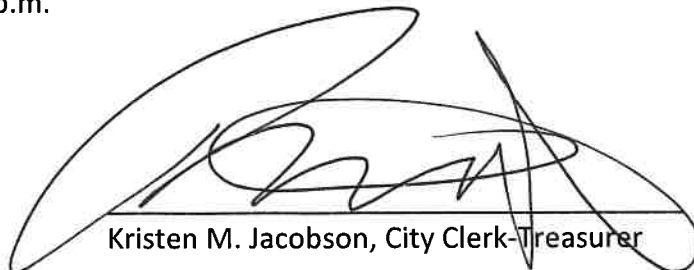
Jacobson provided a brief review of Fund 802.

Motion by Bandsma, second by Vanderhei, to approve the Preliminary Budget for publication as modified with a total levy of \$2,059,185, creating a deficit budget of -\$663.

All voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Frami, second by Bandsma, to adjourn.

All voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Kristen M. Jacobson, City Clerk-Treasurer

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