

MINUTES
MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
Monday, August 22, 2022 – 4:30 p.m.
Academy Room, Monticello Community Center

Present: Jim Davidson, Bill Fair, Charlotte Gabler, Lloyd Hilgart, Sam Murdoff
Absent: None
Staff: Rachel Leonard, Sarah Rathlisberger, Matt Leonard, Tom Pawelk, Ron Hackenmueller, Jim Thares, Mike Mossey, Tracy Ergen and Jennifer Schreiber

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lloyd Hilgart called the special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. THC Ordinance Moratorium Discussion

City Administrator Rachel Leonard provided information on THC sale in cities, including information from the League of Minnesota Cities and MN State Statute. Ms. Leonard noted that the school district and the Wright County Sheriff's Office do have concerns about the regulation of sales of the product.

There was minimal discussion on the impact to the community, enforcement, and regulation of THC.

It was noted that an ordinance placing a moratorium on the sale of THC is on the regular meeting agenda.

3. 2023 Budget Review

Sarah Rathlisberger presented items for the third budget workshop. As part of the presentation, she noted:

- Central Equipment Fund Changes
- Additional/Edited Budget Requests
- Current Assumptions on Market Value, Levy, COLA, and Operations

Staff followed up by presenting the current gaps in funding if all of the requested items were included in the budget. The gap would require a 16.7% increase in the City levy. There was discussion on what level of increase City Council would accept, but no consensus. Different levels of increase from 5 – 10% were mentioned. This is before we have the information on Xcel Energy's valuation.

There was discussion on COLA. Staff displayed what the cost would be at a 4% increase. There was no disagreement by City Council on this level of increase.

There was consensus by Council that when items are cut from the budget, they should be items that do not affect the service levels provided by the City. They would support cutting from the equipment fund as a first option.

Budget options will be brought to the next Special Meeting on September 12, 2022. A preliminary levy will need to be adopted at the September 24, 2022 meeting.

4. Adjournment

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Recorder: Jennifer Schreiber _____

Approved:

Attest: _____
City Administrator

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