

September 26, 2019

**CITY OF LABELLE  
BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING**


The City Commission of the City of LaBelle met in a Budget Workshop/Special Meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at City Hall to consider adoption of the proposed 2019/2020 budget and millage rate for the City of LaBelle. Mayor Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. All Board members were present.

1. The first item on the agenda was the final public hearing on the 2019-2020 millage rate by Finance Director, Ron Zimmerly. Mr. Zimmerly introduced Resolution No. 2019-17, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF LABELLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Wilkins asked if the salary for the Maintenance Supervisor is sufficiently accounted for in the budget. Staff noted that the City is interviewing for the position and the salary has not been an issue in attracting candidates. There was discussion on the amount in reserves and if the City had additional funds for road paving projects and SCOP funding. There were no public comments. **Commissioner Akin moved to approve the resolution as presented by Staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zimmerly. The motion passed 5-0.**
  
2. The next time was the final public hearing on the 2019-2020 budget. Mr. Zimmerly introduced Resolution No. 2019-18, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LABELLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. There was no public comment. **Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resolution as presented by Staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. The motion passed 5-0.**
  
3. The next item was discussion on the CDBG contract #18DB-OM-09-36-02-N31. Mr. Zimmerly presented the recommendation of Staff and Four Waters Engineering to award the bid to Dave Foote Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$798,844.50, which was the low bid, subject to the Department of Economic Opportunity approval. It was noted that Four Waters Engineering reviewed all the firms and bids that submitted in detail. Mr. Zimmerly noted that there were six (6) bids received. There was discussion on the bid and qualifications of the recommended firm. **Commissioner Wilkins moved to award the bid to David Foote Construction including the \$772,449.50 base bid amount and \$26,395.00 additive alternative amount. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akin. The motion passed 5-0.**

4. The next item on the agenda was the Pollywog Creek Senior Housing Encroachment Agreement. Superintendent of Public Works, Gary Hull, explained the construction error involving a building encroachment in a utility easement. Derek Rooney, City Attorney, noted he had read the agreement and the developer had made all requested changes. **Commissioner Wilkins moved to approve the encroachment agreement with Pollywog Creek Senior Housing Incorporated, and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akin. The motion passed 5-0.**
  
5. Mr. Zimmerly discussed the City's recent grant award for the sewer improvement projects and provided an update on the Legislative Delegation meeting held in Clewiston. He also noted Senator Rubio would be hosting a roundtable at Two Peas restaurant on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 p.m. Mayor Lyons discussed a recent shooting in the City involving a LaBelle school teacher. There was discussion on the billboard agreement at the Hungry Howie's. Mr. Rooney discussed the status of the agreement and ongoing coordination with the billboard owner and property owner, adding the item would be on the October 10<sup>th</sup> City Commission agenda.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25.

**APPROVED:**

  
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David A. Lyons, Mayor

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Thomas A. Smith, Clerk-Commissioner