

September 11, 2020

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

Mayor Lyons called the budget workshop/special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All Commissioners were present. The Mayor asked Ron Zimmerly, Finance Director, to present the workshop items.

Ron presented Resolution 2020-43 adopting a tentative millage rate for fiscal year 2020-2021. Mr. Zimmerly recommended the Commission proceed with a proposed millage rate of 4.0. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Kelley made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-43 with a millage rate of 4.0. Commissioner Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Akin dissenting.

Ron presented Resolution 2020-44 adopting a tentative budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. There was discussion on the impacts of COVID on the budget. It was noted that Hendry County increased their tentative millage at their budget hearing the previous evening. Commissioner Wilkins asked if this budget included a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). Ron Zimmerly noted this budget was based on the 4.0 millage rate and could include a COLA. There was discussion on examining what millage is needed to cover the City's anticipated expenses. Mr. Zimmerly noted he would provide that information by the final budget hearing. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-44. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Akin dissenting.

Ron presented Resolution 2020-51, noting this is a "housekeeping" resolution to authorize the Mayor to reconcile the 2019-2020 budget based upon changes made during the course of the year. It was noted there are limitations to the amendments that can be authorized as reconciliation. There was no public comment.


Commissioner Akin made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-51. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Zimmerly provided an overview of sewer rate adjustments and provided data on high volume users. There was discussion.

Commissioner Wilkins asked the Commission to look at the maintenance of ditches on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., specifically drainage issues resulting in water accumulating and mosquitos. Mr. Zimmerly noted Staff would follow up on this item at the next meeting.


As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED:



David A. Lyons, Mayor-Commissioner

Attest:



Thomas A. Smith, Clerk-Commissioner