

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

Mayor Lyons called the final public hearing on the 2020-2021 budget to order at 5:05 p.m. All Commissioners were present. The Mayor asked Ron Zimmerly, Finance Director, to present the workshop items.

Mr. Zimmerly presented three (3) versions of Resolution 2020-49 adopting a final millage rate for fiscal year 2020-2021. Mr. Zimmerly noted the first version of the resolution provides for the current millage rate of 3.6046, while the second version is a millage rate of 3.8023, which covers the state budget shortfall. The third version presented was the 4.0 millage rate, which was adopted as a tentative measure at the first public hearing on September 11, 2020.

Commissioner Wilkins asked for clarification that the 4.0 millage would cover both the COLA and the state budget shortfall. This was confirmed by Mr. Zimmerly. There was discussion on the hardening grants and funding sources to cover City projects. Mr. Zimmerly noted that the grants have not been funded yet. There was discussion on the stormwater master plan project and timing of the funding for the study, as well as a study for a related assessment. There was discussion by each Commissioner on projects needed in the City and the difficulty of doing a COLA this year due to pandemic and infrastructure funding needs. There was discussion on contingency funding. Mr. Zimmerly noted he increased the contingency budget item from last year. There was further discussion on revenue projections and potentially withholding the COLA until the fiscal impacts of the pandemic are better known. There was no public comment.

*Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-49 with a millage rate of 4.0. Commissioner Akin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

Ron presented Resolution 2020-50 adopting a final budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. He noted he could put the COLA funds in the contingency until the impacts of the pandemic are known based upon the earlier discussion. It was agreed by the Commission. There was no public comment.

*Commissioner Akin made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-50. Commissioner Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

Commissioner Wilkins asked how Fort Thompson Avenue would be repaired following the recent heavy rain event. Superintendent of Public Works, Gary Hull, explained the temporary repairs and how the sewer conversion project would later rebuild the road.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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David A. Lyons, Mayor-Commissioner

**Attest:**

  
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Thomas A. Smith, Clerk-Commissioner