

CITY OF WATFORD CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2020

Minutes of the special City Council meeting held on May 19, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall. Present was Mayor Phil Riely and Council Members Kenny Liebel, Steve Sanford, Matt Beard, Bethany Devlin, Heidi Brenna, and Lindsay Veeder. Also present was City Administrator Curt Moen, City Auditor Peni Peterson, and City Attorney Wyatt Voll.

Minutes from the Personnel Committee meeting, held prior in the day, were discussed and the Personnel Committee recommended the following Payroll Fund budget cuts effective May 25, 2020: Patrick Bertagnolli, Vawnita Best, Greg Richens, and Ally Buck will be changed from full-time status to part-time status and positions will be reevaluated the beginning of September. Department Heads will work with the hourly employees as to what times and days they will be working; the 3% Cost of Living Allocation, that was approved for the 2020 budget, will be removed for the rest of the 2020. Salaries will revert to the December 31, 2019 salary schedule. Step increases that were approved in 2020 will remain in-effect and future 2020 step increases will be; May 25 - September 1, support staff will be allowed to take time off without pay vs using PTO hours. Employees will still need to get approval from their Supervisors for the time off.

Council Member Devlin moved to approve the recommendations from the Personnel Committee meeting held May 19, 2020. Motion seconded by Council Member Sanford and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Beard, Sanford, Devlin, Liebel, Brenna, and Veeder; nays: none.

Finance Director Dokken provided the May 2020 State Tax Distributions and noted that the GPT received in May was \$561,555.94 less than the amount received in April. Dokken also informed the City Council that S & P Global is waiting for the 2018 audit and requested that the City Council allow her to submit the 2018 draft audit, that should be ready on the 22nd, to S & P Global as there is a deadline of May 23rd to submit this draft.

Council Member Liebel moved to submit the 2018 draft audit to S & P Global. Motion seconded by Council Member Devlin and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Sanford, Beard, Devlin, Veeder, Liebel, and Brenna; nays: none.

Council Member Liebel moved to approve waiving the overweight permits for A & B Pipeliners totaling \$482 as they are moving equipment from the gun range. Motion seconded by Council Member Devlin and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Veeder, Devlin, Brenna, Sanford, Beard, and Liebel; nays: none.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. These minutes are published subject to the City Council's Review and Revision pursuant to NDCC 40-01-09.1.

Peni Peterson, Auditor

Philip K. Riely, Mayor