

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Due to the Wyoming Association of Municipalities Summer Conference, a meeting of the Committee of the Whole was instead held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in Council Chambers and via an electronic meeting, starting at 6:02 P.M. Those in attendance were as follows:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Scott Roybal, Chairman; Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Bryan Cook, Ken Esquibel (via Zoom), Richard Johnson, Pete Laybourn, Dr. Mark Rinne, and Jeff White. Absent: Tom Segrave.

AGENDA ITEMS

Announcement of a public hearing to be held June 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 2101 O'Neil Avenue, and via electronic conference meeting, for proposed budgets for the City of Cheyenne and Board of Public Utilities for Fiscal Year 2023.

23. **ORDINANCE – 3rd READING –** Appropriating moneys for the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming for various purposes in conducting municipal government of said City and fixing the amount of general and special taxes as part of the revenue required to meet the said appropriation, all for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Dr. Aldrich moved to approve on 3rd and final reading, seconded by Mr. White. Mr. White moved to increase the Mayor's budget by \$91,144.00 and increase Property Tax by the same, seconded by Mr. Cook. Amendment carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. White moved to increase the City Clerk's Department budget by \$25,000.00 and increase Property Tax by the same, seconded by Mr. Cook. Amendment carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. White moved to increase the Police Department budget by \$221,284.00 and increase Property Tax by the same, seconded by Mr. Cook. Dr. Rinne moved to amend the amendment by removing the addition of a 9th Step effective January 1, 2023 (\$112,681.00), seconded by Dr. Aldrich. Motion to amend the amendment failed (due to a tie vote) with Dr. Aldrich, Mr. Cook, Mr. Esquibel, and Dr. Rinne voting "YES" and Chairman Roybal, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Laybourn, and Mr. White voting "NO". Amendment carried with Chairman Roybal, Mr. Esquibel, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Laybourn, Dr. Rinne, and Mr. White voting "YES", and Dr. Aldrich and Mr. Cook voting "NO". Mr. White moved to increase the Public Works Department budget by \$57,430.00 and increase Property Tax by the same, seconded by Mr. Cook. Amendment carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. White moved to increase the Community Recreation & Events department budget by \$26,960.00 and increase Property Tax by the same, seconded by Mr. Cook. Amendment carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. White moved to amend on Page 3, Section 3 of the Budget Ordinance to reflect the updated General Tax Levy on the total assessed valuation of the City of Cheyenne to \$7,398,000.00, seconded by Mr. Cook. Amendment carried by unanimous voice vote. Main motion, as amended, carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Patrick Collins provided an overview of the budget, noted higher estimated property tax revenues and reviewed recommended amendments. Robin Lockman, City Treasurer; Vicki Nemecek, Public Works Director; and Chief Mark Francisco, Police Department; provided additional information. Committee members who commented on the item included Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Mr. Cook, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Laybourn, and Dr. Rinne. Public comment was made by Britney Tennant, Cheyenne Animal Shelter CEO.

There being no further items for the agenda to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Submitted by,



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