

City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 15, 2021 - 6:00 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Lein called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmembers Bruss, Kells, and Szaroletta were present. Also present: City Administrator – Jesse Dickson, City Clerk – Michelle Morrison and Patty Kettles from Baker Tilly. The meeting was held via Zoom due to Covid 19.

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

Ms. Kettles reviewed the Water, Sewer and Storm Water Operations and Rate Study. The study used the 2020 budget, assumed 15 new hook ups in 2021 and 10 per year after that, used 2-5% operating expense increase per year and took in the current outstanding debt.

She further explained that water rates must increase by \$180,000 annually to cover old debt as Mn Statutes do not allow to levy for those costs. The presentation detailed recommendations for rate increases.

Administrator Dickson shared with Council that before any rate increase could occur, there would have to be a Public Hearing.

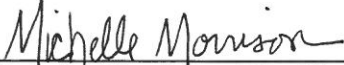
After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to target a rate increase for July and have Ms. Kettles do a SAC study to present to the Council at the second meeting in April.

3. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 6:52 PM, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle Morrison, City Clerk


Matt Lein, Mayor