

**SANDSTONE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING - WORK SESSION
August 13, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Spartz, Palmer, Kester, Devlin, Franklin
Members absent: None
Staff present: Administrator George
Others present: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Council and staff recited pledge of allegiance.

SPECIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

2020 Budget Work Session

Council and Staff reviewed the 2020 Proposed Budget and Levy. Administrator George reviewed various proposed changes with the Council, as follows:

- Personnel expenses were increased generally by 3% across the board
- Gen Fund – Furn & Fixtures: increase 5,000 for computer upgrades
- Street Dept – Personnel: increase 59,200 to add one full-time Streets & Parks Maintenance Worker (split with Bldg/Grounds budget)
- Street Dept – John Wright Building: new item – add 40,000 to help with converting the building for the Street Shop
- Law Enforcement: increase 6,942 per contract
- Bldg/Grounds – Personnel: increase 24,708 to add one full-time Streets & Parks Maintenance Worker (split with Street Dept budget)
- Gateway Abatement: decrease 13,200 per projections
- Wild River Levy: decrease 50,000 due to sale of the properties
- Debt Service Fund 315: decrease 27,300 – paid off in 2019
- Debt Service Fund 323: decrease 26,219 – paid off in 2019
- Debt Service Fund 307/322: increase 3,325 to cover bond payment
- Fund 401 – Street Overlays: increase 8,768 to round out the budget
- Fund 401 – City Hall Upgrade: increase 9,162 for the bond payment
- Sewer Fund – Electric: increase 4,000
- Storm Sewer Fund – Improvements/Projects: increase 3,890 to round out the budget

The Council discussed whether or not to continue budgeting 80,000 for a Community Service Officer. This item was included in the 2019 budget; however, no progress has been made on whether or not to move forward with the idea of creating this position. After discussion, the Council decided to reduce this budget item to 40,000 and continue the discussion in 2020.

Overall, the proposed 2020 Levy would increase 4.47%. Tax Capacity for the City is projected to increase about \$52,500. Therefore, a 4.47% levy increase results in a reduction of 3.2315% of the City tax rate, which would be 77.8036%.

The Preliminary Budget and Levy will be presented and adopted at the September 18th Council Meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion Kester, second Palmer to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Peter Spartz, Mayor

Kathy George, City Administrator