

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
October 25, 2017

ROLL CALL

Mayor Brad Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were: Alan Coriell, Patrick Katz, Nathan Hansen, Pat Rosman, Pete Schweiger, and Theresa Telford.

Absent: Scott Liebong

Motion to Excuse: Theresa Telford made a motion to excuse Scott Liebong from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Schweiger. The motion carried.

Also present were: Fred Bell, Steve Goemmel, Cory Hollis, David Leath, Lance Strite and Rusty Warwick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pete Schweiger made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

2018 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP @ 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Sweet convened the City Council budget workshop at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor asked for discussion on the 2018 Tax Levy. The City Council approved a one percent increase in the tax levy for property tax in 2018. City Administrator Steve Goemmel said that he'd prepare an ordinance for the next meeting approving the increase in the tax levy for 2018.

The City Council discussed a rate increase of three percent in the water and sewer rates and a twenty five cent increase in the garbage rate. The City Council agreed to the increases and asked City Administrator Steve Goemmel to include these increases in the 2018 budget ordinance.

The Mayor asked the City Council to review the 2018 preliminary budget. The City Council discussed the preliminary budget at length and approved it. The City Council agreed to a two percent cost of living increase for the city staff in 2018.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Preliminary Budget Hearing for the 2018 Budget @ 7:05 p.m. – The Mayor asked for questions or comments from the City Council. The City Council reviewed the preliminary budget and discussed both a two percent cost of living raise for city employees and a three percent increase in the water and sewer rates. The Mayor commented that the increase in the water and sewer rates are needed to keep up with the cost of maintaining the systems and to save for a new well. The City Council discussed the merits of a twenty five cent monthly increase in the garbage rate to help support the garbage fund and the salary of the deputy clerk. The City Council recommended increasing the water, sewer, and garbage rates in 2018 and a two percent cost of living increase for the city staff in 2018.

The Mayor asked for comments or questions from the public. Rusty Warwick suggested that the City set a goal of reducing expenses two percent annually. He also suggested reducing the number of City employees and discussed which employees to let go.

Cory Hollis suggested that the City Council forgo raising the garbage rate. He said he didn't see a need to increase the garbage rate if the vendor isn't asking for a raise. He also suggested that the City allocate more money to the fire department.

Lance Strite commented that he didn't see a need to raise the garbage rate. With no further comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

POLICE REPORT

None.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No Changes.

COMMENT / SIGN IN SHEET

Nobody.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet reminded the City Council that AWC was having a training class for elected officials in Spokane. He urged the City Council members to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Nathan Hansen made a motion to approve Claims/Vouchers #13973 - #13988 in the amount of \$23,091.24. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Nathan Hansen made a motion adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Schweiger. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

David M. Leath City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Brad Sweet