

Joint Finance and Safety/Health Committee Meeting

Tuesday March 1st 2022

4:30pm

Attendance:

Aldermen Clyde Heller, Stan Darter, Matt Buettner, Kyle Buettner, Jim Hopkins, Jim Trantham and Steve Notheisen. Mayor Tom Smith, Shawn Kennedy, Tim Birk

1. Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items – None.
2. Reliable Sanitation – Reliable Sanitation annual increase is coming up soon, as per contract Reliable Sanitation either uses the increase of CPI or 3%, whichever is greater. This year the projected CPI increase would be 4.7%, which would add roughly \$.39 per household. As of meeting time the owner of Reliable Sanitation indicated that they thought a 2.5% increase would be agreeable for both sides. However, they wanted to wait until the contract got closer to renewal to see what the price of fuel is at that time.
3. Utility Rate CPI Increase – Each utility has a separate ordinance to determine the increase for the next year. Water CPI for 2021 is 5.82% per Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Midwest, All items index. For context that would increase the cost of 1000 gallons of water by \$.58. Last rate increase was on 3/1/21 at 0.97%. In discussion it was explained that unless we followed the city ordinance, we would have to have a separate ordinance meeting to see how the council could change it. Alderman Stan Darter made a motion to follow the ordinance and increase the Water rate to 5.82%. Alderman Kyle Buettner seconded the motion. Alderman Stan Darter, Kyle Buettner, Steve Notheisen, Jim Trantham, Clyde Heller, Matt Buettner in favor. Alderman Jim Hopkins opposed.
Sewer has the same ordinance to follow CPI, CPI is same 5.82%. 5.82% increase relates to sewer to be \$.89 increase per 1000 gallons. For context last increase was 5/1/21 0.97%. Alderman Stan Darter made a motion to follow the ordinance and increase the rate per CPI by 5.82%. Second by Alderman Steve Notheisen. Alderman in favor, Stan Darter, Steve Notheisen, Kyle Buettner, Jim Trantham, Matt Buettner, Clyde Heller. Opposed Alderman Jim Hopkins.
Electric Utility was tabled at this meeting to gain more information.
4. Budget – Shawn Kennedy presented the proposed budget for next fiscal year that starts in May. She gave a detailed report on each of the different budgets within the city. As the budget is large and is still in the proposed stage it would be impossible to break it down step by step in the minutes. Last fiscal year's budget is on the City of Waterloo's website, if you have any questions about the proposed budget for the next fiscal year, please direct them to an elected official of your choosing to explain any questions that you might have at this time. Alderman Stan Darter handed out a list of all existing computers in each department with the age of the machine. He explained that many of them were getting to the point of needing to be replaced and thought that the easiest way to address this issue would be to add each new computer or tablet to each individual budget that computer would be replace. Shawn Kennedy will take that information and add it to the proposed budget. Then give hand out an updated proposed copy to the city officials soon.
5. Comments – None

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. by Alderman Jim Hopkins, seconded by Alderman Steve Notheisen. All members in favor. Meeting adjourned.