

CITY OF NEW STRAWN

SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, July 19, 2019

- I. Budget**
- II. Land Acquisition**
- III. Playground Equipment**
- IV. Zoning Administrator Appointment**

Present were: Mayor Mark Petterson
City Clerk Joni Hernandez
City Attorney Tom Robrahn
Philip A. Jarred, CPA of Jarred, Gilmore, Phillips

Council Members: Richard Croll
Jeanne Haas
Gary Haehn
Rhonda Taylor
Jim Weeks

Patrons present: Lucas P. Allen Marc Chester
Tai Coons Amber Dittrich
Travis Fromme Sue Haehn
Joyce Hopkins Steve Hopkins
Kraig Kirchner Ginny Mitchell
Scott Porter Keith Schaller
Colin Sleezer Adam Stahl
Mike Stuart Illa Weeks

Call to Order: Mayor Mark Petterson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Budget: Phil Jarred, CPA presented the draft budget for 2020. He explained revenue and expenditures. All funds are accounted for with no violations. Amount that can be levied is \$153,543 with a .3 mill decrease which makes the total 40.546 mills.

Phil Jarred reviewed several items with the Council:

- Alcohol Revenue
- Budget Authority – flexibility to spend in 2019 or 2020 with no effect on property tax
- Budget Summary
- Carry-over Funds
- Delinquent Tax Revenue
- Equipment Reserve Fund (not statutory violation because not budgeted require fund)
- GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles)
- General Fund
- Income – 2018 Actual and 2019 Estimated
- Infrastructure Fund
- Motor Vehicle Tax Revenue
- Extra Budget for Salaries

- Law Enforcement Budget for Code Enforcement Officer
- Park Fund
- Playground Equipment budgeted
- Property Tax Revenue
- Sewer Fund (grew by \$8,000 in 2019)
- Special Highway Fund
- Tax Lid Computation
- Transfers
- Trash Fund
- Water Fund
- Water Pump (could be taken from Equipment Reserved Fund if needed)
- Water Reserves (after 2022 may set up to put money in)

Mayor Petterson suggested adding a line item for “Water Pump” in the Equipment Reserve Fund in the amount of \$20,000. This amount is an increase of \$3,000 as recommended by Council Member Jim Weeks.

Council Member Jeanne Haas inquired about transfers from General Fund. Phil Jarred explained they usually wait until the end of the year.

Haehn moved, seconded by Croll, to approve the 2020 Budget as proposed for publication and to set a Budget Hearing for August 8, 2019 at 7 p.m. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Land Acquisition:

Croll moved, seconded by Haas, to go into executive session at 6:04 p.m. for 15 minutes with City Attorney Tom Robrahn for the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)6. **Motion carried 5-0.** (The Council, Mayor and City Attorney went to the back/private room of City Hall.)

They Council, Mayor and City Attorney returned to the board table in open session at 6:19 p.m.

No action taken.

Playground Equipment: Council Member Gary Haehn passed out bids from Park Planet for new playground equipment. He explained the bids are too high at \$29,209.95 and \$30,889.90. He will meet with them again. He will also get other information from the Corps of Engineers office offered by Marc Chester.

The city clerk explained that she had received emails from Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC) that while playground equipment is an eligible item, funding items are placed by priority and playground equipment would most likely not be approved.

Council Member Jim Weeks noted that he spoke with a contact from the Jones Fund Trustees Foundation regarding possible grant funding for playground equipment. He will follow up with his contact.

Zoning Administrator Appointment: Mayor Petterson informed the council that he is still in the search process for a new zoning administrator.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.