

**Minneola City Council  
Budget Hearing Minutes  
Minneola City Hall  
September 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola Budget Hearing was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also present were Vice Mayor Pam Serviss, Councilor Lisa Jones, Councilor Kelly Price, Councilor Joe Saunders, Scott Gerken (City Attorney), Mark Johnson (City Manager), and Christina Stidham (City Clerk).

**Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all present were practicing “social distancing” by remaining at least six feet apart in the council chambers.**

**CALL TO ORDER BUDGET HEARING**

**Mayor Kelley** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Vice Mayor Serviss**.

**Mayor Kelley** announced that the purpose of the hearing was for the adoption of the fire protection special assessments, tentative millage rate, and the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

**Scott Gerken** read Fire Rescue Assessment Resolution No. 2020-06 by title only.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to Adopt Resolution 2020-06.**

**AYE:** Serviss, Kelley, Price, Saunders

**NAY:** Jones

**MOTION PASSED: 4-1**

**Mayor Kelley** announced the tentative millage rate for 2020-2021 is 6.1000 and explained the current year rollback rate is 6.1341 and the current year tentative millage rate is less than the current year rollback rate.

**Scott Gerken** read Resolution No. 2020-14 by title only.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to Adopt the tentative millage rate of 6.1000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 by Resolution 2020-14.**

**AYE:** Serviss, Jones, Kelley, Price, Saunders

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**Mark Johnson** presented the proposed budget for the City of Minneola. He explained that property values have increased, but Minneola is the only City in Lake County currently proposing to reduce the millage rate below the rollback rate.

**Scott Gerken** read Resolution No. 2020-15 by title only.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to Adopt the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 by Resolution 2020-15.**

**AYE:** Serviss, Jones, Kelley, Price, Saunders

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0****FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Gustavo Ortiz**, resident, questioned why expenditures were higher than revenue.

**Mark Johnson** explained large projects cannot be completed using one fiscal year of revenue. Consequently, funds are saved over multiple years and earmarked for specific projects. When enough money has been saved, a project is scheduled to be completed, and assigned funds are transferred to cover the costs which balances the budget.

**MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to close the budget hearing.**

**AYE:** Serviss, Jones, Kelley, Price, Saunders

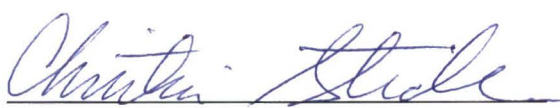
**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

*(Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.)*

  
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Pat Kelley, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Christina Stidham, City Clerk

