

**MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018
CITY ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NORTH MAIN STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chris Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chris Cannon, Mayor

Juan Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem

Susie Arreaga, Council Member

Jessica Bega, Council Member

Mary Penson, Council Member

Daniel Lopez, Council Member

Phillip Thomas, Council Member

Sue Brashar, Council Member

Neil Beyer, Council Member

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager

Patrick South, Police Chief

Charles Cunningham, Finance Director

Mayor Cannon stated all members were present and certified that there was a quorum.

INVOCATION

Council Member Thomas gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Cannon opened the Public Comment and with no one wishing to speak, Mayor Cannon closed Public Comments.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Review and Discussion of the Proposed City of Elgin FY18-19 Annual Operating Budget as presented by the City Manager, including but not limited to Possible Discussion of all Departments, Operations, Functions, Personnel, Infrastructure, Facilities, Taxes, And Tax Rates; and all Revenues, and Expenditures Related thereto.

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City Manager Thomas Mattis stated that the Notice of the Proposed Property Tax Rate for 2018 would be published in this week's newspaper with all the pertinent numbers and that Charles Cunningham, Finance Director would speak on this item.

Mr. Cunningham stated that this was a requirement to publish the notice of the proposed tax rate for this year and reminded Council that the budget is predicated on the tax rate and that it does exceed the effective tax rate and the roll back rate by a few cents. He stated that this is the last year's proposed rate and roll back rate of 6166 cents for this year and we are proposing that it be 656196 which is what we had last year, so effectively the tax rate stays the same but because of the increase in valuations we gain a little bit of income on that. He stated that the difference between the roll back rate and the proposed tax rate is a little over 4 cents, with one cent generating about \$55,000 so about \$220,000 more by going over the roll back rate. He stated that as they went through the budget they would see that is a big part of what is being suggested a lot of that is the cost related to improvements and the upgrades we have in the Police Department and Parks and Rec Department.

City Manager Thomas Mattis gave an overview of the City's property tax exemptions as per a request from the Council. He explained how they impact the city budget and the potential for increased or additional exemptions.

Mr. Mattis stated that Council Member Brashar had discussed the issue of pay for employees with him and that there was a 2% COLA increase for employees included in the budget, the restructuring in the Police Department and the addition of Police Officers. He stated they talked about the goal to continue to be sensitive to all employees regarding pay and that besides the 2% money had been set aside and would be spread out as best as it could be.

Mr. Mattis stated that he spoke to Council Member Gonzalez and that he had some questions about the Red-Light Camera fund. He stated that there was a plan for that in the budget for some expenditures but not all the money would be spent, and that he felt that how it was being used was eligible.

Mr. Mattis addressed questions he received on computers and lap tops and stated that in the budget five year plan those things are included and are broken down by departments instead of it all coming out of an IT fund as was done previously.

Council Member Gonzalez also had asked about ticket writers and cameras regarding juveniles, and Police Chief South responded that in all the departments he worked in before it was used for juveniles as well.

Mr. Mattis discussed questions asked about a pay increase for Council and stated that Council within their discretion could adopt an ordinance to say what the pay would be, as long as they were not voting to get a raise within their existing term and encouraged them to give this some thought. Mayor Cannon asked that anyone that came up with any thoughts or ideas on this to contact the City Manager for future discussion.

Mr. Mattis stated that the final question for discussion was on how Council deals directly with its contracted employees such as the City Manager and City Judge. Mayor Cannon spoke and stated he brought this up to clarify the process for evaluations and asked Council if they wanted to do the

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evaluation during an executive session like they had done before when they hired the Judge and wanted the Council to be aware that these evaluations would be coming up.

Mr. Mattis spoke about the Council's budget and stated that \$1200 had been put in per Council Member, that would cover reimbursements for travel or training.

Council Member Arreaga asked about the increase in the street maintenance supplies. Mr. Mattis stated that was one of the areas that was cut significantly last year as a cost saving measure. Mr. Mattis stated that things such as raw materials, gravel and things the city would buy, and also to pay contractors for resurfacing.

Mr. Mattis asked if the two other workshops would be needed and suggested cancelling the 28th and have the hearing on the 4th and possibly do the one on the 11th. All agreed to this schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

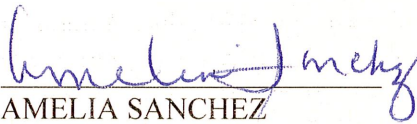
Mayor Cannon adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:23 p.m.

APPROVED



CHRIS CANNON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



AMELIA SANCHEZ

City Secretary