

## MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Richard called the special meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Montrose City Office located at 139 S. Saginaw St., in Montrose.

**ROLL CALL:** Present Council Members were Mayor Pro-tem Mark Richard, Christy Sanborn, Robert Arnold, and Debbie Gross. Also present were City Manager Neil Rankin, City Clerk Tina Rush, and two citizens. Members Mayor Colleen Brown, Eldon Dunklee and Tom Bigelow were recorded as absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Pro-Tem Richard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE

### **BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION** 1. 2018/2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Rankin reported that the general fund's requested budget is \$410,000. The tax fund generated \$402,000. There was an increase in taxable property values. The DDA requested council to approve the 2 mill tax levy. This will generate around \$11,000, which will help offset the losses they have seen over the years. The State revenue sharing has increased and will continue to increase a little bit over the next year. The Act 51 money has increased significantly. The leasing of the street sweeper to Chesaning brings in money to the General Fund as well. The revenues total \$678,000.00. There was discussion about MERS, MERS rates, and contracted services.

#### *MAJOR STREET*

There is a requested budget of \$153,000 with an increase in revenue of \$40,000.00. With the increase, there will be street repairs on North Genesee Street including curb and gutter.

#### *LOCAL STREET*

There is capital outlay for crack sealing and patching. Funds can be moved from major to local if there are projects that need to be done. Rankin will still pursue grants and look at an infrastructure project.

#### *GARBAGE/RUBBAGE*

This is an enterprise fund. The funds revenue received are paid out. The contract with the garbage company will be due in December. This is on July's agenda for a contract renewal.

#### *MOSQUITO CONTROL*

The revenue received is paid out for mosquito control.

#### *DDA*

Revenues will be around \$52,000.00.

#### *SEWER FUNDS*

The revenues totaled \$376,000 with expenditures close to \$296,000.

#### *WATER FUNDS*

The revenues totaled \$658,000 with expenditures of \$616,000.

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Gross questioned the allocation of the ACT 51 money. Rankin said it covers everything for major streets, such as salaries, operating supplies, salt, etc. Gross asked if there is room in the budget for beautification along M57. Discussion ensued on what could be done for beautification along M57 and who would maintain it. Rankin said this would need to be put under the DDA fund. There was discussion as to how much can be allocated to do this. Gross suggested \$4,000.00 and for this to be put on the August agenda and to also discuss this at the next DDA meeting.

Arnold spoke about the community garden and the lack of interest. He said someone suggested turning it into a community dog park. There was discussion about a fence and proper signage for a dog park.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Richard adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.  
Prepared by, Chrystal Raible, City Treasurer