**CITY OF HAM LAKE**

**CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023**

The Ham Lake City Council met for a budget workshop meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 3:04 p.m. in the Conference Room at Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Brian Kirkham and Councilmembers Jim Doyle, Gary Kirkeide, Al Parranto and Jesse Wilken

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Interim Finance Director, Julie McMackins; City Administrator, Denise Webster; City Engineer, Tom Collins; Public Works Superintendent, John Witkowski; and Administrative Assistant, Nicole Wheeler

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kirkham called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

1. Discussion of the Proposed 2024 Law Enforcement Contract with the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office

Mayor Kirkham stated that the additional amount of money required for a full-time investigator with the ACSO (Anoka County Sheriff’s Office) is not a good use of our funds for the one or two cases that were solved last year. Councilmember Kirkeide stated that ACSO is required to provide the service of the county wide investigator to the City of Ham Lake at no additional cost. **Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Kirkeide, to approve the 2024 Law Enforcement Contract with the removal of the full-time investigator. All in favor, motion carried.**

1. Discussion of the proposed 2024 Budget and CIP Review

Councilmember Doyle stated he is happy with the proposed 2024 Budget after removing the full-time investigator from the Law Enforcement Contract. Councilmember Kirkeide stated the City of Ham Lake is in good financial shape even with the rising costs of inflation. It was discussed that Option #1, which would remove the full-time investigator from the Sheriff’s Contract and still includes use of $64,665 of fund balance reserves to fund the General Fund operations. Interim Finance Director McMackins stated that the City Tax Rate for 2024 would be 18.866% with the tax levy increase at 4.22%

There was discussion of the Revolving Street Fund and if the amount is going to be reduced to a transfer of $1 million in 2025. Mayor Kirkham stated that it should be an increase for 2025 in the amount of $1.1 million.

**It was the consensus of the City Council to approve the proposed 2024 Budget and CIP Review using Option #1.**

**Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Parranto, to adjourn the meeting at 3:­­­­28 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.**

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Nicole Wheeler, Administrative Assistant