

June 3, 2019

Members present: Mr. Huddle, Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels.

With a quorum present, Mr. Huddle called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels 2nd; Ayes – Mr. Huddle, Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels.

Minutes for 05/21/2019 and 05/06/2019 and 04/16/2019 approved (3-0)

Old Business

None

New Business

Item 1. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MARION, OHIO FOR THE YEAR 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Auditor Carr explained that this goes to county budget commission and they set the amounts and rates and comes back to council in September. It is very generic and does not have to balance. They calculated a 10% increase for health care to be prepared. It includes salary and benefit increased based on bargaining units. There has been no department head input at this point.

Auditor Carr explained that it appears to be a deficit. They are working through the water pollution control and as they go through the project with the loans. They have budgeted for expenses, but not yet the loans coming in as they are unsure of 2020 numbers. Again, she clarified that this is the initial step and is very generic.

For clarification, this is the 2020 budget and resolution has been updated since the print.

Hard copies of budget distributed to council members present and placed in mailboxes of those not present.

Motion made by Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels 2nd; Ayes – Mr. Huddle, Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels.

Legislation recommended to council (3-0)

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Items not on agenda:

Item 1. RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION OF HB 163 AND URGING THE OHIO LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT THE PROPOSAL WHICH WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Schertzer brought this resolution back from the Ohio Municipal League retreat and HB #163 was a topic. HB #163 usurps municipalities' legislative and administrative authorities. It limits the city's ability to grow when it comes to the replacement of and new sewers. They are threatening to withhold other local government funding should this bill pass. The city sewer system reaches all the way out to Green Camp and Elgin and that could be an issue moving forward if this passes. They are not looking to annex these properties.

Mr. Daniels stated that it appears to preempt the municipalities' ability to charge for build out and maintain water. He cannot see a scenario where someone would offer a house bill that would preempt a municipalities ability to charge for build outs when they specifically wrote legislation that exempts the city's own privately held water company from charging its build out costs to all of its residents, such as the 2.5 million water tower. He believes that tower more serves Caledonia and their expansion to Prospect than it does any part of the city of Marion. If they can pass that on without PUCO approval, as is every other privately held utility, why are they coming along with a HB that says that the municipality (in our case sewer) cannot charge. Why write a law that allows private companies to do the very same thing that the municipality cannot? The municipalities are in competition with other privately held utility companies.

Mayor Schertzer explained that they are a member of OML who acts as an advocate and lobbyist for cities. The way districts are drawn it favors rural districts and not municipalities.

Motion made by Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels 2nd; Ayes – Mr. Huddle, Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels.

Legislation recommended to council (3-0)

With no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Mr. Huddle adjourned the meeting at 6:48 PM.

Chairman Huddle

Clerk of Council