MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING: July 26, 2022

- 1. Call to order: Mayor Muska called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
- 2. Roll Call: present council members Mayor Tommy Muska, Cody Harris, Natalie Kelinske, David Pratka, and Steve Vanek were present. Joe Pustejovsky was not in attendance. Interim Police Chief, Ashley Boyd and Public Works Director, CJ Gillaspie were also in attendance.
- 3. Council reviewed the revised budget packet. Officer Boyd went over the financing options from PointWest Bank regarding the two patrol vehicles that he is requesting. PointWest came in at a better rate of 4.95% with First Capital Leasing coming in at 4.9739%. Boyd test drove a Ford Explorer from Sykora Family Ford and he was impressed with how it drove. The total cost for one Explorer would be \$43,765 with the upfit done by Cap Fleet at \$22,167 per vehicle. Boyd is requesting two upfitted Ford Explorers. CJ Gillaspie asked Shelley and Gerald Rabroker from Neptune Meters to attend regarding his requests for new drive-by water meters. To replace all meters, the cost would be around \$385,000.00 which includes the installation and the meters. Shelley said that they recommend financing this project through Government Capital, they have low interest rates and you do not have to make your first payment until 1 year after the project is fully completed. There is also no penalty to pay off early. The water meters are 100% made in the USA and they offer a 10-year full warranty with an additional 10-year prorated warranty. Every version of the Neptune meter works with any Neptune meter so if anything changes over the years and they need to be replaced, all versions will work together. Installation will be \$79,215.15 and the new water meters will cost \$306,295.21. Mayor Muska is suggesting that the council pay for the installation out of the 2022 - 2023 fiscal year Water/Sewer capital outlay budget and then finance the additional expenses over the next 3-5 years. Shelley did say that the Neptune meters will work with our UB Max water software. She also said that there may be an interface fee to connect Neptune software with the billing system, but sometimes this fee is already included in our software package.

The next budget meeting will be held before our regularly scheduled council meeting on August 2, 2022, at 5:30 pm at the West Community Center.

4. Council adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Tommy Muska, Mayor

Shelly Nors, City Secretary