

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 14, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Special Session

The City Council of Boone, Iowa, met in special session in the City Hall Council Chambers on January 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Slight presiding. The following Council Members were present: Byrd, McGinn, Stines, Moorman, Piklapp, Stecker, and Ray. Absent: none.

Piklapp moved; Moorman seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: McGinn, Stines, Moorman, Piklapp, Stecker, Ray, and Byrd. Nays: none.

Skare presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2021 budgets; and stated that the budget that is being presented is balanced. In addition, we are recommending putting \$100,000.00 towards a long time standing deficit in the Special Assessment Fund and \$100,000.00 into a CD for future downtown projects. Skare requested that the potential \$72,000.00 from the backfill be put aside for the pool sand filter replacement.

Library Director, Jamie Williams, presented her budget and requested additional funds to allow for an extra 1% raise or \$3,000.00, above the built-in 2% raise, for the Library Staff; also included in the budget was additional part-time dollars to allow for the Library to stay open an extra two (2) hours on Wednesday evening. Stines moved to approve the extra 1% raise for Library Staff. Piklapp requested to wait until all budgets were presented. Stines agreed and withdrew his motion.

Airport Chairman, Joe Pundzak, along with Commissioners: Joe Gibbs, Matt Grabau, and Fixed Base Operator (FBO)/Airport Manager, Dale Farnham, presented their Fiscal Year 2021 budget and their accomplishments over the past year. In addition, they discussed concerns with the initial plan of the runway repairs as it is included in the budget, stating that for an extra \$400,000.00 they could repair the 1800 feet of runway correctly and not just the middle sections, funding would be split 90% from Federal Grant and 10% City match. Pundzak, on behalf of the Commission, requested that the Council go ahead and budget the \$72,000.00 for the City match on the runway repairs, as it is in the budget, then split the balance of \$108,000.00 over the next two (2) years. Piklapp questioned the large increase in the FBO/Manager Contract. Pundzak responded that the FBO is underpaid and the Commission has entered into a three (3) year contract with Mr. Farnham that includes a set contract amount. Pundzak stated that prior to this three (3) year contract the airport did not have an Airport Manager only an FBO.

Police Chief, John Wiebold, presented the Police Department's budget and concerns regarding the dispatch budget line. Elmquist presented Boone County's initial, amended, and actual budgets for the past four (4) years showing that based off of actual dollars paid to the County for dispatch services the City is paying well over 4% in increases per year. Council discuss the dispatch budget, the process of how increases are supposed to work that are above 4%, and a Communication Levy.

Moorman moved; Piklapp seconded to direct Councilman Ray to work with the County Sherriff, Police and Fire Chief, 911 Board, and the Emergency Management Board to look into a communication resolution for a county-wide Communication Levy. Ayes: Stines, Moorman, Piklapp, Stecker, Ray, Byrd, and McGinn. Nays: none.

Moorman moved; Piklapp seconded to direct the City Administrator to work with the County Sherriff, Police and Fire Chief, 911 Board, and the Emergency Management Board to enact a Communication Levy until succession. Ayes: Moorman, Piklapp, Stecker, Ray, Byrd, McGinn, and Stines. Nays: none.

Following Engineer, Dan Scott, and Public Works Director, John Rouse's presentation of the Storm Water Budget, City Administrator Skare advised that the current Storm Water rate of \$1.95 has not been increased since the 1990's and the Storm Water expenses are exceeding the revenue. Skare stated that to bring in enough revenue to cover the Storm Water expenses the \$1.95 needs to be increased to \$3.54. Mayor Slight stated that he

thinks it could be increased to \$3.00, which would make Boone comparable to surrounding communities.

Department Heads of the following budgets addressed minor increases to cover raises and equipment purchases as well as presented highlights of the past year and goals for the upcoming year: City Hall, Family Resource Center, Economic Development, Community Service Officer, Demolitions, Animal Control, Administration, Landfill, Message Board, Municipal Band, Building, Fire, Rental Code, Crossing Guards, Cemetery, Park, Pool, Traffic, Road Use Tax/Streets, Sewer, and Water.

Elmqvist presented the Certification of Tax Levy, proposing no increase in the current tax levy.

Council discussed a letter from HIRTA that requested funding that was not included in the budget due to the lateness of the letter. Stines agreed that HIRTA should be directed to apply for a Human Service Grant.

Elmqvist presented a draft Max Levy Notice, and made a few changes per Council's request.

Skare presented a summary of all Local Option Sales Tax requests, stating that all requests were funded and \$50,100.00 would be paid back to the cash reserves for the fire truck purchase made this year. Williams' advised that the Greene Street Parking Project is estimated at \$49,000.00 and the Library Trustees plan to cover the difference.

Ray moved; Byrd seconded to approve the Local Options Sales Tax requests as presented. Ayes: Piklapp, Stecker, Ray, Byrd, McGinn, Stines, and Moorman. Nays: none.

Stines moved, to approve the additional 1% percent increase of \$3,000.00 in the Library salaries, with the additional expense coming out of the \$100,000.00 that was designated to reduce the Special Assessment deficit; seconded by Stecker. Ayes: Stecker, Byrd, Stines. Nays: Ray, McGinn, Moorman, Piklapp.

Piklapp moved, to reduce the Airport FBO/Manager line to only include a 2% percent raise; seconded by Ray. Ayes: Ray, Byrd, McGinn, Stines, Moorman, Piklapp, and Stecker. Nays: none.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ondrea Elmquist Clerk/Finance Officer

John Slight, Mayor