

Pipestone, Minnesota
December 5, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m. on the 5th day of December 2022. Mayor Myron Koets called the special meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Members present: Myron Koets, Jim Stout, Rodger Smidt, Dan Delaney and Justin Schroyer. Absent: None. Others present: Kyle Kuphal, Ben Denton, Jessica Robinson, City Treasurer Kasi Pantekoek, and City Administrator/City Attorney Jeff Jones.

Mayor Koets stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2023 budget.

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones presented an updated 2023 budget and proposed levy which reflects the actual health insurance increase of 13% and Social Security COLA of 8.7%. The levy as presented with those changes would be 11.8%.

Discussion then followed on various aspects of the 2023 budget including the Recreation Department, the Library and the Law Enforcement contract. The cost-of-living adjustment was then discussed. Jones pointed out that the city policy states that the council has the discretion on whether to grant a COLA increase.

Councilmembers Delaney and Schroyer then discussed possible adjustments in the 2023 budget for further discussion.

Ben Denton then addressed the council to discuss a new contract as City Attorney. He stated that he has served as Assistant City Attorney for the last 12 years without receiving a pay increase. This item will be placed on the December 19th agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Myron D. Koets
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey R. Jones
City Administrator