

WAYS & MEANS COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY OF TOWN & COUNTRY, MO
October 13, 2021
Municipal Center
8:30 AM

MEMBERS:

Alderman Sue Allen, Chairperson
Mayor Charles H. Rehm, Jr.
Finance Director Joan Jadali
City Administrator Bob Shelton

Ward 1

Randi Weber
Bob Aikin
Ward 2
Oz Conrad
Michael Goldberg (Absent)

Ward 3

Hans Fredrickson
John Wichlenski (Absent)

Ward 4

Mike Sawyer
Don Roberts
Janine Fabick (At-Large)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Public Works Director Michael Zeltmann, City Planner Ryan Spencer, Communications and Administrative Assistant Morgan Kuepfert, Alderman Jeff Parrotte

1. Call to Order

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., and the roll, as noted above, was taken. There was a quorum.

Alderman Allen introduced Mike Sawyer, noting that he was recently appointed to fill the Ward 4 vacancy. Mr. Sawyer gave a brief introduction and provided background on his career.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2021

Mr. Conrad moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Aikin and approved.

Mayor Rehm stated that at the last Board of Aldermen Meeting, he read aloud a proclamation for Mr. Bob Proost commending him for his 27 years of service on the Ways and Means Commission. Mr. Proost was in attendance and thanked the Mayor for the recognition and noted his appreciation to the Commission and its members.

3. Proposed Economic Development Commission Discussion

Mr. Shelton stated that at the Board of Aldermen retreat, Alderman Parrotte proposed forming an Economic Development Commission, and The Board of Aldermen is looking for feedback from the Ways and Means Commission on the proposal. Discussion was held relating to some specific duties that may overlap, such as working with existing developments and property owners wishing to locate within Town and Country. Alderman Parrotte expressed that the intent is for the Economic Development Commission to focus more on

building and sustaining the relationships, and leave the business aspect to staff.

Further discussion was held relating to direction versus oversight, and where the Economic Development Commission may fall. Following discussion, Mr. Fredrickson made a motion to recommend that the Board of Aldermen approve the creation of the Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weber and approved with Mr. Conrad voting Nay.

4. Draft Budget Presentation

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Jadali reviewed the draft 2022 budget. Included in her review were sales tax assumptions versus actuals for previous years, as well as preliminary salary and benefit increases and the Fire and EMS contract increases. Ms. Jadali also reviewed estimated expenses and revenues for all funds, noting the significant changes from the 2021 budget. Also noted were items that were removed from the proposed 2022 budget, including branch chipping, and items that are proposed at a reduced cost, such as mailings and part-time audit support staffing.

Ms. Jadali briefly explained the American Rescue Plan Act funds and applicable items that the monies can be spent on, including public health and safety, revenue loss, etc.

Also discussed was the proposed increase in utility tax which, if approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission, would go into effect in early 2022.

5. Next Meeting Date

The Commission will hold its next meeting on November 3rd from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM.

6. Adjourn

At 9:30 a.m., Mr. Wichlenski moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Proost and approved.