Special Meeting – August 19, 2019

**Members Present**
- Michael Shurson
- Jason Casey
- Jenna Pederson
- Sarah Sundve
- Chad Neitzel

**Others Present**
- Wayne Billing
- Jim Lutgens
- Pam Goehring
- Larry Goehring
- Lynn Stolzman
- Chris Schlaak

**Members Absent**

The budget meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Michael Shurson.

All Members Present

Preliminary Budget discussion.
Purpose of the meeting was briefly explained.

**Expenses.** Department expenses examined and discussed individually. Various items were questioned and discussed. Items for further examination:

- The County Sheriff will be contacted for an estimate of the County taking over the policing of the City.
- The savings if the Ambulance Department drops the cell phone from the department.
- Budget impact of raising the salary of the Maintenance Department casual employee.
- Why the Historical Department had a large expense in 2018 and not a large budget for 2020.

**Resident** The residents in attendance were asked for their questions and or comments.

- Larry Goehring – Stated he thought the City should mow and remove brush from the railroad right of way and from the ditch easement through town to make the community look better to visitors and people passing through. The possibility of a trail taking over the railroad right of way was discussed.
- Lynn Stolzman – Inquired about the cost of water dripping from the bulk water fill hydrant on 1st ST S. It is reported as lost water to the DNR and absorbed by the water fund.

**Adjournment** – Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Sarah Sundve to adjourn the meeting. Carried (5 yes, 0 no) 7:54 p.m.

Wayne Billing
City Clerk/Treasurer