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CITY OF HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

The Ham Lake City Council met for a workshop meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brian Kirkham and Councilmembers Al Parranto, Gary Kirkeide and Jesse Wilken

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Jim Doyle

OTHERS PRESENT: Finance Director, Andrea Murff; and City Administrator, Denise Webster

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Kirkham called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2.0 Discussion of the Proposed 2025 Budget and CIP Review

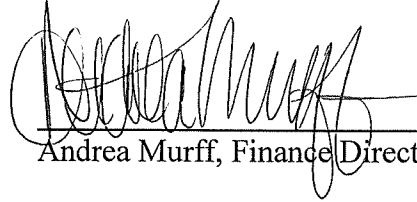
Finance Director Murff stated there were small changes to the Preliminary 2025 Budget such as a small decrease to worker's compensation premiums and there was an additional \$730 added for Fire Stations #3's internet service. Finance Director Murff continued with the projections of fund balance, which included an additional \$50,000 coming from the General Fund Reserves to the Fire Equipment fund to cover the Engine #2 replacement, which was coming in 2025 and that the projections were showing the City would remain within State Statute requirements of 35 percent. Finance Director Murff continued with the Public Works Equipment fund, which is showing a deficit in the Capital Improvement Plan starting in 2025 of \$282,420, but she has worked with the Public Works Superintendent to alleviate the deficit in 2025. Finance Director Murff asked the City Council if the Preliminary Budget was what they wanted for the Final Budget Meeting in December or if there were any changes they would like to see. Mayor Kirkham asked to see how much more in reserves would be used if the tax capacity rate was decreased by 0.01 percent and asked to have the information supplied to Council.

3.0 Discussion of Local Affordable Housing Aid

Finance Director Murff reminded City Council that the City received a grant from the State for approximately \$30,000 back in July and during the last Budget Meeting it was determined to send the grant back to the State. Finance Director Murff continued that she has reached out to the League of Minnesota Cities on how to return the funding and they advised that there was a possibility that the funds could be donate to Anoka County. Finance Director Murff stated she reached out to the County and was told there was possibly a program with Anoka County's HRA program that the funds could be donated too. Councilmember Kirkeide suggested the funding be given to The Willow Senior Housing in Ham Lake through the HRA. Finance Director Murff stated she would research that and other possibilities before presenting the donation for City Council approval. **It was the consensus of**

the City Council to return the Local Affordable House aid to Anoka County and see if it can be used for The Willows Senior Housing.

Motion by Kirkeide, seconded by Parranto, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. All present in favor, motion carried.



Andrea Murff, Finance Director