

MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO MEETING

August 31, 2020

MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sara Countryman called the Workshop Meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Present:	Sara Countryman	Mayor
	Kevin Lacy	Place #1
	Randy Burleigh	Place #2
	T.J. Wilkerson	Place #3
	Rebecca Huss	Place #4
	Tom Cronin	Place #5

Absent:

Also Present:	Richard Tramm	City Administrator
	Dave McCorquodale	Assistant City Administrator
	Susan Hensley	City Secretary
	Anthony Lasky	Senior Accounting Clerk
	Kimberly Duckett	Court Administrator
	Anthony Solomon	Police Chief
	Mike Muckleroy	Director of Public Works

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BUDGET WORKSHOP:

- ❖ Discussion of the following items related to the City of Montgomery 2020-2021 FY Proposed Operating Budget:

- Summary

Mr. Tramm reviewed the summary of the budget advising that all items are subject to the discretion of City Council. Rebecca Huss advised the debt service items would have very little change because it is contractually obligated. Mr. Tramm said he could only think of one change that would happen, advising they received the final numbers from Tammy McRae which was an update of the original numbers, since they were later than usual in certifying their numbers, resulting in additional property values in the debt service fund

with a \$20,000 increase, and in the general fund it was approximately \$48,000 for maintenance and operations. Mr. Tramm said that resulted from property that was new to the City but was not available at the time they received the previous information.

General Fund Revenue – Mr. Tramm stated they were behind on the franchise tax collections because there is a large amount that comes in late, which they should see in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Tramm said the ad valorem tax will change to \$847,070, which resulted from the modified figures from Ms. McRae's office. Rebecca Huss said the ad valorem tax is the property tax. Mr. Tramm said the sales tax and property tax, the City receives 2% sales tax, which part of that money goes to the Montgomery EDC, and half of that money is recorded in sales tax and a quarter of that money is recorded as sales tax in lieu of property tax category. Mr. Tramm said he is projecting these figures the same as the amended budget, which is a slight decrease from what they are on track to collect for this year. Mr. Tramm said he felt those numbers would recover before the end of the year, but he felt that it was best to project conservatively. Rebecca Huss said this is slightly lower than what MEDC is using for its budget. Mr. Tramm said for the sales tax in lieu of property tax normally that category would match MEDC, but this is slightly higher than the MEDC because the MEDC chose to go even more conservative. Mr. Tramm said this has been the strangest year in government in not only what has happened but how they are projecting moving forward.

Mr. Tramm said they are basing the building permit number on a continuation of building, resulting in information from builders, which is an increase from the current year. Rebecca Huss said the building permit number is highly tied to the commercial building, not the residential building. Mr. Tramm said they will see the continuation of commercial projects in the new year. Rebecca Huss asked if they would have roughly the same number as they did last year. Mr. Tramm said yes, in fact, they think that it will be slightly higher, and they have not seen any sign of residential or commercial construction slowing down, so they feel their numbers will be good.

Randy Burleigh asked if figures that need to be corrected would be done at the next budget amendment cycle. Mr. Tramm said they should have the amendment at the second meeting in October or the first meeting in November. Mr. Tramm said they will have the final year-end numbers and amendments for the year that is closed. Mr. Tramm said for the new year, City Council is always able to adjust the budget. Rebecca Huss said the Auditor has asked the City to amend based on actual to remove one of the qualifiers on the Audit. Mr. Tramm said he had mentioned to City Council a couple of weeks ago, they did a mid-year review with the Auditor remotely, which should make the year-end budget better.

Mr. Tramm advised the Court is on track for the current year but will fall below what they had amended. Mr. Tramm said they are not projecting that the Court will be closed for a couple of months like this year.

Mr. Tramm said the Police grant funds were larger because the Police Chief is going to be actively looking into obtaining grant funds.

Kevin Lacy asked about unanticipated income and what that included. Mr. Tramm said that would be income that was received and not planned and might not get its own line item. Mr. Tramm said they had a large amount of unanticipated income with the FEMA reimbursement for Atkins Creek, with \$365,000 that needed to have its own line item. Mr. Tramm said unanticipated income also shows up as miscellaneous income on the Utility Report.

Rebecca Huss said that MEDC is assuming \$675,000 in revenue so that puts the General Fund at \$225,000, which is more aggressive for the three-quarters of the pie, which is a big difference in terms of being more assertive. Mr. Tramm said MEDC chose to go more conservative than what he had projected.

- General Fund Expenses

- Administration – Mr. Tramm advised the Senior Accounting Clerk's salary is the primary change to the wages. Mr. Tramm said with Mr. Lasky on staff, Municipal Accounts is operating in a secondary capacity and ultimately in the long run he is looking to replace them both in their capacity as investment officer and accounting when they have Mr. Lasky fully trained, and look for other assistance locally to help with minor bookkeeping that will be much more cost-efficient than municipal accounts. Rebecca Huss asked why they have accounting at \$50,000 if they have Mr. Lasky in the personnel line and the Utility Fund. Mr. Tramm said the \$50,000 is the annual costs for Municipal Accounts as they currently are, including a certain number of hours each month for accounting and investment services. Mr. Lasky stated on the wages side, this would include him in the 100 percent in the General Fund.

Mr. Tramm advised he is looking at bringing sales tax tracking on to staff and feels that Mr. Lasky can take on that duty. Mr. Tramm advised the current year legal is down a bit because they brought in a new City Attorney in March 2020 and part of his early contract was he would work for the first two months at no salary, and he has not submitted some of his bills. Mr. Tramm said they have since received some invoices from the City Attorney and they are in the process of getting them paid. Rebecca Huss asked about Contract Services stating they were at zero and asked where inspections

and permit expenses were located if they are not here. Rebecca Huss said this was a problem in the budget last year because it expanded \$150,000 worth of profit.

Mr. McCorquodale advised under Item 16299 in Public Works, page 11 is where the permits and inspections are located. Mr. Tramm said this is another case where he is hoping to bring a staff member on instead of a contract position, which would be a lower cost, but for the time being, they are leaving it in the budget. Rebecca Huss said she thought they were expanding the margin on this item, with \$225,000 of revenue and \$186,000 costs, and \$245,000 of revenue and \$192,000 of costs. Randy Burleigh said he was looking at the 2020 Proposed Budget at item 16299, where it shows 2018 and 2019, with the same line item, but it had zero dollars all the way across. Mr. Tramm said it might have carried forward as zero because it was previously used and then not continued to be used. Mr. Tramm said he can check on that information tomorrow. Rebecca Huss said it was expanded from a 17 percent margin to a 22 percent margin, so it is becoming more profitable from last year to this year. Mr. Lasky said they would get that information updated.

Mr. Tramm commented on the Election category of the budget, advising while they did have some Election expenses early this fiscal year, this current Election has been pushed into the next fiscal year, and then there is also a May Election as well. Mr. Tramm said this fiscal year and the next fiscal year will certainly stand apart from past examples for what Election expenses will be. Mr. Tramm said they think they will see some decreases in the cost of training to some degree with no travel, but they also find they will have to make up training next year. Mr. Tramm said there were several training sessions that he was registered for that were canceled and he will have to make them up, and there are similar instances with other staff's training.

Mr. Tramm said the Transfer to Capital Savings is where if they end the year with additional revenue his goal will be to push additional funds that are not utilized into that category. Mr. Tramm said the goal is to set up a separate General Fund banking account that the money would be set aside and still carried forward in General Fund, and City Council could use for capital expenses. Mr. Tramm said it would be essentially long-term savings for future use on capital projects. Randy Burleigh asked if they would leave the \$20,000 from 2019-2020 or will they abandon that plan. Mr. Tramm said it was a new item for the amended budget, so it did not have an estimated number to be there and said he guessed it would be more appropriate if the zeros were blank. Mr. Tramm said this is something that he would like to see City Council carry forward for the future years. Randy Burleigh asked if they plan on putting \$30,000

into the Capital Savings Fund, should not the Estimated Budget for 2019-2020 show the \$30,000 also. Mr. Tramm said the Estimated Budget line was based on numbers that were presented to City Council in front of approving the Amended Budget, so at that time there was no category for it, it was created after it was put together. Mr. Tramm said he would have Mr. Lasky correct that and put in the \$30,000.

Randy Burleigh commented on Capital Outlay – 17071 Computer Equipment, it shows year-to-date they only spent about \$3,300 but they think they are going to spend \$37,000 by the end of the budget year. Mr. Tramm said that is one item they put a hold on with the pandemic, and now they have had additional funds come in from FEMA and they are trying to utilize those funds. Randy Burleigh asked if they were going to spend those funds out of the current budget, so they do not have to move it to the new budget. Mr. Tramm said that was correct.

Mr. Tramm said with the sales tax rebatement, those are based if it is the ad valorem tax, the actual number with regards to sales tax, the sales tax rebate with Kroger, and the beginning of the agreement with The Shoppes, with Chick-Fil-A opening and other shops set to open.

Mr. Tramm said they did include the 2.5 net increase for the Admin Fund, which if it were not for the increase in the sales tax, that would also show a decrease.

Randy Burleigh asked Mr. Tramm if he thought they were only going to have \$12,600 for savings to the Capital Fund, which is light to him. Mr. Tramm said it is light and said there is an opportunity for sales tax revenue to go up, but he did not want to bank on that until it was confirmed. Mr. Tramm said he thought they were going to end on a positive note, and they could direct the balance into the savings.

Rebecca Huss said they had talked about the General Fund needing to add to its surplus so that it has more months of operating surplus and said she would like to see the City building those funds. Mr. Tramm said they could add a line below with a miscellaneous category for transfers to surplus and essentially split the remaining funds equally between those two. Rebecca Huss said every year they talk about what is anticipated and months of surplus as a discussion that should be held every year. Randy Burleigh said they used to have a year of reserves and slowly the number has dwindled. Rebecca Huss said the number has grown and they have been adding to it, but the City has grown so much, that as the function of the months has been falling. Rebecca Huss said even if they add \$5 just to keep it on the table to be discussed every year.

Rebecca Huss said there was one more item they had talked about during this year was the Lone Star Loop potentially needing to be a self-funded project versus obtaining grant money. Rebecca Huss said they had talked about putting a wedge in the budget for bond money that it would take to make the Lone Star Loop happen. Mr. Tramm said that is the type of thing the Capital Savings line would be used for, and if they want, they could make it a separate line item. Mayor Countryman said the Lone Star Loop is a County road and the City does not have to maintain it. Rebecca Huss said to make the Lone Star Loop happen it must be a TxDOT road and for it to be a TxDOT road it must meet certain standards. Rebecca Huss said this is something that Mr. Tramm would have to talk to Chris Roznovsky about, and from what she understands there is a substantial upgrade that would need to happen to facilitate that. Mr. Roznovsky said the biggest thing was transferring from two to four lanes and replacing all the bridges. Mr. Roznovsky said they put together some cost estimates during their discussions with H-GAC and TxDOT and the readiness assessment was a substantial sum, with the total price to do the entire Loop was he thought 40 million dollars, but he would have to go back and check. Mr. Roznovsky said they would have to meet with the County to get the City's readiness score up, so if they got some of the preliminary and environmental work done, when you are submitting to H-GAC you have more backing if you are still trying to get their funding. Rebecca Huss said she thought they were leaving H-GAC out so they could skip some of the expensive parts. Mr. Roznovsky said he would have to look at the information and sit down with Mr. Tramm. Mr. Tramm said he has noted the information. Mr. Muckleroy advised one of the reasons they stopped talking about that was there was zero chance of TxDOT just taking the road over, they might consider a trade-off as in the City taking the maintenance of SH 105 in place of the trade-off for Lone Star Parkway and was one of the factors that put it on hold. Mayor Countryman said with the addition of the second high school they do not have as much gridlock as they used to. Rebecca Huss said that would come back as the area grows. Mayor Countryman asked when they talked about this previously it was a 5, 10, or 25-year projection. Mr. Roznovsky said previously it was based on the funding cycle for H-GAC and he thought it was the 10+ year time range. Rebecca Huss said that would probably be suitable. Mr. Tramm asked if City Council wanted to add a separate line item for the Lone Star Parkway Loop or consider that would be within the use of Capital Savings. Rebecca Huss suggested Mobility Investments and said it did not need to have a large amount of money, it is something that they know they need and they need to be cognizant that this is a continuous investment in the future that needs to come from the General Fund. Rebecca Huss said

if you look at the amount of money we are spending on maintenance of our streets, it is clear the capital investment needs to be there too. Randy Burleigh asked Mr. Tramm if the Lone Star Loop was from 105 E to 105W owned by the City of Montgomery. Mr. Roznovsky said when you go out to the west side of Montgomery where the Community Center is located, from there west to SH 105 is Montgomery County and then from there back over to Kroger is up for discussion because he did not think it was written that the City has taken over ownership.

Mayor Countryman said right after she was elected Mayor the County came back and asked the City to take that over and the City said no they did not want ownership. Rebecca Huss said the City has not legally accepted the road. Randy Burleigh asked who is mowing that property. Mr. Muckleroy said then-City Attorney Larry Foerster had advised just because someone gives you a gift does not mean you have to accept it and he believed City Council chose to take no action. Mr. Muckleroy said the City mows a small section of the property at Lone Star Bend for safety, but the County mows the rest of the area because the County still owns it. Mr. Muckleroy said the property needs to be mowed right now and said he would be calling Precinct 1. Randy Burleigh said it was way past being mowed and asked Mr. Tramm to put it on his list. Mr. Tramm said he had that on his list. Rebecca Huss said having the County own this road might make things easier in the future if they want to turn that into a TxDOT road and the County might be a better partner for funding than H-GAC. Rebecca Huss said they could add another line item under the Miscellaneous – Capital part of the budget. Mr. Tramm asked Mr. Lasky if they had a bottom-line remaining number in the General Fund. Mr. Lasky advised once he had put in the changes the remaining balance was \$78,200. Mr. Tramm said those were funds they could put in the Capital Savings – Reserve Savings and Mobility categories. Mr. Tramm asked how City Council would want to split those funds. Randy Burleigh said 50/50. Rebecca Huss said she was fine placing \$10,000 for Mobility Investment, and then the remaining split 50/50 between Transfer to Capital Savings and Transfer to Surplus Reserve at \$34,100 each.

- Police Department – Chief Solomon presented his proposed budget, advising they were not going to need any equipment or vehicles which is going to save them about \$87,000. Chief Solomon said they see this as a chance to get some equipment upgrades that they need and training. Chief Solomon said they have started a maintenance program, which allows them to catch things before they get out of hand. Chief Solomon said last year they purchased most of the computers they needed, so they will not need any more computers, which is why it was reduced from \$10,000 to \$3,000.

Chief Solomon said the uniforms increased about \$500 from last year. Chief Solomon said the travel and training they are using a new system where they can do a lot of the training here and costs \$2,700 per year. Chief Solomon said they will be putting in each vehicle window covers and bars on each side to keep the people being detained from kicking out the windows. Chief Solomon said they will also be putting on roof decals for when they are in pursuit, they will be visible from the air when they have helicopters overhead. Chief Solomon said the decals will run about \$800. Chief Solomon said they had to replace the tasers for \$3,500.

Kevin Lacy asked why they were not purchasing any new vehicles, and whether it was due to a lack of funds. Chief Solomon said they do not need any more vehicles at this time because last year they replaced most of their fleet. Chief Solomon said each officer has their own vehicle, so it keeps the mileage lower and the officers are accountable for the maintenance of their vehicle. Rebecca Huss said last year they had one vehicle totaled and it had to be replaced even though it was a new vehicle.

Rebecca Huss asked about the \$6,000 copier costs in everyone's budget, which are on leases, stating it seemed crazy to spend \$24,000 on copiers and printers and asked if that was standard. Ms. Hensley advised that the fee includes all the toner, maintenance, and parts should they have to be replaced. Kevin Lacy said he has a friend that runs Documation. Ms. Hensley advised that is who the lease contract is with. Kevin Lacy advised that was acceptable. Mayor Countryman said when one of the printers goes down it can be a problem, so as long as they know they can get someone out to repair it. Ms. Hensley advised they divide the cost between the departments according to how many printers they have. Rebecca Huss said if a department wants more money they can figure out how to with fewer printers. Ms. Hensley said that was correct.

Randy Burleigh asked about supplies and equipment, for emergency equipment – 17010 at \$13,500 and asked if that was a typo. Chief Solomon said they are adding defibrillators to the emergency equipment because they need AED's because the ones they have are more than 10-years old. Chief Solomon said they are also purchasing stop sticks to be used during pursuits. Rebecca Huss said the AED's are not that old because her neighbor had the heart attack that got the AED's donated, which was about 3-4 years ago. Chief Solomon said those AED's are past the time for their usage, but he had been told they had them for more than 10 years. Rebecca Huss said that is not true or the case, and she can get that information. Chief Solomon said they are worn and the unit in City Hall, they are unsure it was even working.

Randy Burleigh asked about training and staff development at \$24,500 which is about double what they have done in the past and asked if that was special training for the class that they had canceled. Chief Solomon said they are using a new training system OSS which keeps all the officer's training up to date. Chief Solomon said they will be training in accident reconstruction and crime scene schools, which is included in the cost. Randy Burleigh said in the past they have only spent around \$7,000 to \$10,000 for travel and training and asked if the more they do for training does that effect the staff overtime costs. Chief Solomon said no, it does not, they can adjust the schedules for training. Mayor Countryman advised Randy Burleigh of the Police Audit when Chief Solomon came on board, it noted that a lot of the officers were not trained, and the previous Chief was teaching classes that he was not even trained or certified to do. Mayor Countryman said she was all for getting the officers trained especially since they have some new officers to ensure that everyone is up to speed on what is required in law enforcement because that was not the case when she came on board. Randy Burleigh said if that was the case what were they spending the money on. Chief Solomon said he was not sure what they were spending the money on before he came here, but now all training money is allocated for training. Chief Solomon said they can never have too much training, and they also do career development. Chief Solomon said the career development program takes each officer and they find out where they want to go in their career, and they line up the training to achieve that. Randy Burleigh asked if most of the training is local or in New York. Chief Solomon said most of the training will be in Texas and said they will not be going to Las Vegas.

Kevin Lacy asked about Watch Guard. Chief Solomon said it is the equipment they use in the patrol vehicles for their camera system, communications system, radar system, and covers everything in their patrol vehicles.

Randy Burleigh said on the Capital Outlay-17070 where they are pushing \$15,000 in the future for a new vehicle, transferred to the Capital Equipment Fund, and what he found if they don't put a line number sometimes those funds do not get moved properly, so if they put the line number in there it would help to follow the transfer trail. Mr. Tramm said he would work with Mr. Lasky to take care of that moving forward.

Rebecca Huss asked if they were not allocating any funds to National Night Out next year. Chief Solomon advised they put those funds in Operating Supplies. Mr. Tramm said he thought some of that was related to Community Relations. Chief Solomon said that was correct.

Randy Burleigh asked about the Capital Outlay – Miscellaneous for \$8,000. Chief Solomon said last year it was \$12,000, and the year before that it was \$25,000. Chief Solomon said they changed their area to accommodate office space for the Sergeants. Chief Solomon said they will be changing the patrol area, which is what the \$8,000 is for. Randy Burleigh said he had no issue with doing work like that, but when you have a “Miscellaneous” and it is not earmarked for anything it could turn into another slush fund. Randy Burleigh asked if the bathroom area remodel was complete. Chief Solomon said the work had been completed. Randy Burleigh asked what they were going to spend the \$8,000 on. Chief Solomon said they are going to spend those funds on remodeling the patrol area to make some designated office areas. Rebecca Huss said they could just call the item what it is, such as office reorganization or office rebuilding it would not have to be miscellaneous. Mr. Tramm said that would be an easy category to rename. Chief Solomon said it has been used for that purpose for the last several years. Rebecca Huss said that would make everyone happy with transparency and accountability and asked Mr. Tramm to work with them on getting the appropriate name for the fund usage. Mr. Tramm said he would ask Mr. Lasky to make sure that he gets the insert from him and the Chief and will take care of that tomorrow. Mr. Lasky said once he gets the name of the item, he will change it.

- Court – Mr. Tramm said the wages are projected based on a 2% COLA, based on the same personnel levels that they currently had authorized for Court this year. Randy Burleigh asked about the collection agency, Line -16326, which has an amended budget of \$20,000 and they are estimating \$37,867, but they only collected year-to-date \$7,867. Randy Burleigh asked if they owed someone money on that amount. Mrs. Duckett, Court Administrator, advised that was the contract service and they have not been used during the Pandemic. Ms. Duckett said the Warrants Officer has been doing collections, and they do not owe any funds to the collection company. Randy Burleigh said the figures do not look right, because they estimated a certain amount and with only two and a half months, they only show around \$8,000. Mr. Tramm said the number in the actual is the same other than the three digits, which might be an error. Mr. Tramm said that was an error they would correct; it should be \$7,000. Randy Burleigh asked if they needed to stick with \$30,000 for next year for collections. Mrs. Duckett said she would review the information because they have the collections and they have not been utilized. Randy Burleigh said he went back to 2018, and in 2019 they had budgeted \$40,000, but it looks like they only paid \$12,000. Mr. Tramm said they can change that figure this evening. Mr. Tramm said this can always be adjusted later, so if they want to use \$15,000, and if that needs to be amended, they can do that.

Mr. Lasky changed the figure to \$15,000. Randy Burleigh asked about line 17510, the State portion of fines, and whether that figure was realistic. Rebecca Huss said this figure should just be a formula based on the revenue they are assuming and is roughly half of the revenue number. Rebecca Huss said if they choose \$275,000 as the revenue, then this number will be half of that. Mr. Lasky advised he will make it half of what the revenue was at \$137,500 for the State portion. Mr. Tramm advised Mr. Lasky for future application they will use that formula.

Mrs. Duckett advised there were no direct changes to her budget. Randy Burleigh said it would be better if the percent change would be off the estimate versus the amendment. Mr. Tramm advised they are using the proposed budget against the amended budget and asked if Randy Burleigh wanted to do something different. Randy Burleigh said he would prefer the estimated budget since it would be more realistic.

- Public Works – Mr. Mike Muckleroy, Director of Public Works, presented his budget. Mr. Muckleroy said they changed the number of funds that were coming out of personnel versus the water and sewer fund, between public works employees and the utility clerk. Mr. Muckleroy said it was not adding and subtracting funds it was just moving the number of employees around to balance the water and sewer fund.

Mr. Muckleroy said he did breakout 16335-City Hall cleaning and mosquito spraying, which he separated it this year to show both items.

Kevin Lacy asked about Engineering – 16322 and asked if it was \$100,000 for this year and \$49,000 for last year. Mr. Muckleroy said it looks like the actual number this year is \$49,000 with an estimate of \$95,000, so they went with \$100,000 for next year.

Randy Burleigh asked the percentage of personnel that was being shifted. Mr. Muckleroy said it is the number of employees and said it was determined by Mr. Tramm. Mr. Tramm said this current fiscal year it was anticipated that some of those employee salaries would be drawn from the Water and Sewer Fund and some from the General Fund. Mr. Tramm said it turned out that the previous bookkeeper was not doing that, so they are correcting that with the next year. Mr. Tramm said all of Mr. Muckleroy's salary and the Utility Billing Clerk's salary comes from the Water and Sewer Fund and going forward it will be the Public Works staff that will be from General Fund and Water and Sewer depending on the balance of their work. Randy Burleigh said it appears on paper that we are doing a large cut, but we are just shifting the load over. Mr. Tramm said they are picking it up on the other side. Randy Burleigh said they might need to include a footnote or something to explain what they are doing. Mr. Tramm said they can make notes for future reference. Rebecca Huss said it would

be crazy to assume that the Public Works workers are never working for the Water and Sewer Fund, which is just not the case when you look at what they do every day, all day. Rebecca Huss said the workers spend time at the parks, on streets, but they are also doing at least half of their work on the Water and Sewer Fund type of activities. Rebecca Huss said the fact that the Water and Sewer Fund was not paying for those employees was not right.

Mr. Muckleroy advised they went up a little bit on automobile repairs and lowered a couple of the other items.

Randy Burleigh asked about street repairs, stating they went down and asked if this was the crack sealing. Mr. Muckleroy said no that is the next line item – Streets Preventative Maintenance is the crack sealing and anything staff does in-house and could include replacing a culvert. Mr. Muckleroy said there is a separate line item if they must use a contractor, which is under Contract Labor Streets. Mr. Muckleroy said the \$18,000 is for any in house street repairs, which could be purchasing bulk asphalt and doing a couple of small sections. Mr. Muckleroy said they did not spend anything during this year due to COVID-19 on Streets – Preventative Maintenance. Randy Burleigh said they have a lot of cracks out there with the hot, dry summer they had and said if they do not get the cracks filled, they will be spending a whole lot more money on streets. Mr. Muckleroy said they were back on track to rent the machine again for next month. Randy Burleigh asked if they needed to increase that money to catch up with the work. Mr. Muckleroy said he did not think so because if everything goes right a couple of the streets they plan to have completely repaved anyway, which are College and Caroline, they will not crack seal if the County is going to repave them.

Randy Burleigh said they did a good job when they did the crack sealing in the past. Rebecca Huss said they do not need to do the crack sealing in August.

Mr. Muckleroy said Training and Education went to zero because they had two line items, Training and Education and Travel and Training, and they were changed to one line item. Mr. Muckleroy advised under Park Maintenance the -40 and -83 percent reductions on two of the parks was because they had to replace the restroom doors at those parks, which is why they went up last year \$5,000 for each park and now they are bringing it back down to normal levels.

Randy Burleigh said he noticed on Memory Park the budget was originally \$21,500 and they did a budget amendment for cost savings down to \$5,000, and it looks like they only spent \$2,000. Randy Burleigh said they had a plan for this budget year to spend \$21,500 to do work there, and asked if they were just not going to do the work

or were they going to go back do some of the work. Mr. Muckleroy said they input the plans to replace more sidewalks at the park, and they put in an additional \$15,000 just for the sidewalks, which was put on permanent hold due to Covid-19. Mr. Muckleroy said he would like to get that work accomplished in the new budget year and it was on his second-quarter wish list if the economy improves. Mr. Muckleroy said he did his budget as conservative as possible, stating if things go better than they expect then they might be able to include that project. Randy Burleigh asked if \$5,000 was enough money in the budget. Mr. Muckleroy said it was enough for regular maintenance and they had some funds left over from this year that they will stock up on irrigation parts because they spend a lot on parts. Randy Burleigh said they had a good plan for the sidewalks and at some point, they should gravitate back toward it and not abandon it. Mr. Muckleroy said the project was not being abandoned, they will review the project at mid-year. Rebecca Huss said Memory Park has always been labor-intensive so what they are not seeing in the budget is the number of hours they are working there. Randy Burleigh said they went from \$46,500 and they amended it down to \$25,000 and they are spending about \$20,000, and they are going to reduce it to \$16,000. Rebecca Huss asked if Randy Burleigh had specific concerns because they do a lot of work there, which does not show up and is a lot of long-term durable improvements. Rebecca Huss said this does not include the water, which would be another \$7,000 to \$10,000 that the City is investing in Memory Park. Randy Burleigh said in the last three weeks he has run into the \$110 battery operated node for the irrigation pump, that controls the make-up water in the rock waterfall which costs \$1,000 and the City has replaced it before, but they could lose the pump because it is running dry and he does not want to hear things like that because it is not good for the City and they will spend a lot more money in the long run. Randy Burleigh said they need to be careful and not cut too much and they do the proper things. Mr. Tramm advised the department heads are quite cognizant of that while his instructions were to budget as conservative as possible, and if the sales tax revenue comes in ahead they are to have a list of items, especially in the case of public works and the items they are discussing now. Mr. Tramm said he did not want to plan a budget assuming the sales tax would come in and then they fall ten percent short. Mr. Tramm said the department heads were also told if there is a significant need, whether it be in repairs or a breakdown and they need the funds, they can bring that to his attention and he will go to City Council to request the funds. Mr. Tramm said should there be an urgent need he had no problem presenting that to City Council. Mr. Tramm said they wanted to present a budget that was balancing needs versus wants and being cognizant of the fact

that if three months from now there is a healthier economy and the revenue is ahead of this budget, then the plan is to come to City Council to get permission to utilize those funds on these items. Mr. Tramm said they were not trying to do without for the sake of what would lead to harm, they are trying to monitor that but at the same time, they are not trying to let the planned expenses get ahead of what they can afford. Randy Burleigh said he agreed with all that as long as when something that could cost the City more money, it should be brought up and done. Mr. Muckleroy said the node has been replaced in the last two weeks.

Randy Burleigh asked about the Community Center and whether the front French doors had been replaced. Mr. Muckleroy said they have not been replaced. Randy Burleigh said they have been bad for quite a while and when people are in the building the doors will not stay closed, so the air conditioning and heating are escaping. Mr. Muckleroy said that was on the list too.

Randy Burleigh asked if the Miscellaneous Contract Labor for Streets was different than the other one for \$12,000. Mr. Muckleroy said this one is for contract labor to come in and do work and the other line item was for work done by staff.

Randy Burleigh asked about the drainage item because there are ditches in Buffalo Springs that need to be dug out since the water flows onto the road when it rains and asked if those funds would be enough to cover that. Mr. Muckleroy said yes because there is not a lot of materials involved because it is mainly labor costs.

Tom Cronin asked what Miscellaneous – Miscellaneous Item #16590, was used for. Mr. Muckleroy said he would have to get with Anthony Lasky to see what was taken out of that line item this year. Mr. Lasky said that was the fees that come out of the general fund checking account and said that item might need to be looked at. Rebecca Huss said they were not supposed to pay fees so that should be reversed. Mr. Lasky said that was from the returned items. Rebecca Huss said that should go to the Water and Sewer Fund if that is for insufficient funds for people paying their water bills. Mr. Lasky said there are merchant fees and global payments, which looks like it should be transferred into the Utility Fund. Mr. Tramm said they will move that over to the Utility Fund.

Randy Burleigh asked about the roads, where they started with \$150,000 for the budget year, and with the Covid-19 situation they backed off. Mr. Muckleroy said Item 16356 was Mr. Yates excess line item, where he put the remaining balance of revenue over expenditures, which they are no longer placing the excess revenue in anymore. Randy Burleigh asked if they planned on spending the \$90,000 on the streets. Mr. Muckleroy

advised that was what they had in the budget. Randy Burleigh asked if they had the street in front of the Montgomery Steakhouse on the west side on the list. Mr. Muckleroy said that street was being looked at with the downtown improvements plan because they do not want to put pavement down and then have to rip it up. Randy Burleigh said he worried about all the potholes in the road, and when they have festivals there is a lot of people traversing up and down that road and they might get injured. Mr. Muckleroy said they can try to patch the road again, but the problem is that street has many layers that are hard to patch and make the asphalt stick. Mr. Tramm advised that had been his direction to not do a permanent repair when they are looking at replacing that street. Randy Burleigh said that was a good strategy, but they needed to keep it from having too many potholes and the potential liability.

- Debt Service Fund

Randy Burleigh said he had the same questions in Debt Service regarding transfers and where they were going to and from. Rebecca Huss said the \$160,000 in Debt Service was historically MEDC and MEDC will not be transferring into Debt Service this year. Mr. Tramm advised on page 27, the top line shows the beginning balance, which will be eroded down so they will carry the beginning balance that is less. Mr. Tramm said over the last few years the Debt Service Fund has been overfunded and in the last couple of years, they both transferred into the Debt Service Fund, but then calculated the tax rate so that it was close to fully funding based on the tax rate alone. Mr. Tramm said this year the potential for limited sales tax revenues, they can put less than the current year requires in the Debt Service Fund and utilize some of the surplus funds. Mr. Tramm said he had mentioned they had received updated numbers from Tammy McRae's office and that number will be \$360,873 and approximately a \$20,400 increase, and since they have already set the tax rates that extra \$20,400 will add to the fund balance. Mr. Tramm said the problem with accumulating too much money in the Debt Service Fund is once you put funds in, you cannot take it back out, it can only be used for Debt Service. Mr. Tramm said if you had a large emergency the only way to use that money is to put less than you need in to fund the current year.

- Water & Sewer Fund

Mr. Muckleroy reviewed the Water and Sewer Fund items. Mr. Muckleroy pointed out Line Item# 24334 – Backflow Device and should be Backflow Testing.

Randy Burleigh said he was looking at the GRP and calculated water and sewer revenues and asked Mr. Muckleroy if he based his revenues on selling 103.6 million

gallons of water and asked if that was how he came up with that number. Mr. Muckleroy said it was based more on increasing a certain percentage over this year. Randy Burleigh said this was a high sale year, like last year, so they must sell a lot of water to make this budget for the Utility Fund. Mr. Tramm said it was based on an increase but was also based on an increase that is a little less than half of what the growth rate is in the City. Mr. Tramm said they have not had as dry a year as they have in some year's past. Randy Burleigh asked if this was without a water and sewer rate increase. Mr. Tramm said that was correct.

Rebecca Huss asked about the \$200 Returns/Miscellaneous Fees and the \$8,000 for costs for returned checks, stating everyone should not be paying the costs for people having insufficient funds. Rebecca Huss asked Mr. Tramm to check and make sure they are receiving adequate compensation for the fees the City is being charged. Mr. Tramm said yes, he could check that information. Mr. Muckleroy said on page 24 it shows the personnel information and where they see the increase that reflects the decrease on the Public Works side.

Mr. Muckleroy said he reviewed his line item for chemicals and felt that he did not ask for enough in the last budget, which is why there is such a difference in the number from last year. Mr. Muckleroy said they are almost at the point of having a company come in with a belt press versus wet hauling, which they looked at this year and they were not quite there yet, but he felt they could be at that point next year and it could help bring down their sludge hauling cost. Mr. Muckleroy said they only come in for a minimum amount and we are not quite there yet. Randy Burleigh said that was high maintenance.

Rebecca Huss asked about garbage costs, stating she had a feeling given how many delays Waste Management has had in picking up and vehicle costs have been low, she would be shocked if we do not have a rate increase soon. Rebecca Huss asked Richard Tramm to stay on top of that with Waste Management, stating people have been unhappy with the garbage collection in general, but when they went out for bids they were the only ones to do recycling and trash at a decent price but does not mean the decent price does not escalate every year by quite a bit. Rebecca Huss said she thought they were having worker problems, and they said last time they were picking up 25% more trash on average from every residence. Mayor Countryman said that will probably level out once everyone gets back to work again. Mr. Tramm said they have been discussing the information internally and if he remembers correctly they are getting close to the part of our contract with them where they will be bringing it up to

City Council. Mayor Countryman said she thought it was next summer. Mr. Tramm said if he remembers correctly, next Spring is when they need to provide notice. Mr. Tramm said they monitor the information, so they do not get behind.

Randy Burleigh mentioned the backflow device revenue item was \$16,000 on page 22 and said on page 25 they show \$16,000 for expenses and asked whether they charge anything for administrative fees like they do with other fees. Mr. Muckleroy said this will be their first round of doing this and said that it was set up as a straight pass-through fee. Randy Burleigh said the administrative fees were on all the other fees, so it was just a thought for the future.

Mr. Muckleroy said on page 26 they zeroed out the line items for the transfers, and they have \$46,000 for preventative maintenance. Randy Burleigh confirmed that it was not being transferred out it was being used for maintenance. Mr. Muckleroy said it was intended for maintenance last year even though they knew the whole amount of \$322,362 would not be used for maintenance, that was the balance of revenue over expenditures. Rebecca Huss said to have a zero-fund budget, you added an extra \$280,000. Mr. Tramm said yes, that was where the rest of the funds went to balance it out, that way if they had something they needed those funds for, they would know where they were. Rebecca Huss said this year it looks like the balancing fund is the last one to transfer out to the Construction Fund. Mr. Tramm said it was not so much balancing as it was the amount needed to pay for all the construction that was the City's responsibility. Mr. Tramm said the preventative maintenance category is the funds remaining.

Mr. Tramm said he would be working with Mr. Lasky on the transfers and they will show where each category is transferring to and if it is transferring in they will show where it was received from, which will help the understanding of the funds.

Randy Burleigh asked about the Impact Fees Transfer to Capital Fund Project 26901-3 and said they planned this budget year to have \$91,000 transferred over. Mr. Tramm said that was based on the number of impact fees they expect to receive. Randy Burleigh said they do not always get the impact fees in, last year they expected to receive \$270,000, so they need to make it clear where the money is coming from. Rebecca Huss said those are legally only to be spent in a certain way and collected in a certain way, so if they did not collect any it is supposed to be a passthrough to a savings account so it would not matter if they did not collect them, which they are only spent for legally approved items, which they did not have any under construction or under plans. Rebecca Huss said since Randy Burleigh was on the committee he would

know which ones those are, and we do not have any of those going. Randy Burleigh said on the month-to-date budget for this year on the revenue side, he only saw \$9,000 of impact fees. Mr. Tramm said at the time of the last budget it was anticipated they would receive that amount of impact fees, so if they had not put that in the budget and then collected, the revenues would have no purpose assigned to them. Mr. Tramm said what they have in the budget this year for impact fees, he felt, is far more realistic. Randy Burleigh said in the last two years it has been a sore spot in the utility budget.

Rebecca Huss asked Mr. Tramm to make sure the \$9,000 they have collected for impact fees gets passed through into a separate account that is specifically collected for impact fees. Mr. Tramm said yes he would do that. Rebecca Huss said she felt that it needed to be separated. Mr. Tramm said he felt that it should be tracked separately. Rebecca Huss said she felt the impact fees should have their own bank account. Mr. Tramm said he agreed with that statement. Mr. Roznovsky said some projects have been done such as the Buffalo Springs Waterline Bridge Crossing, which was on the list so the funds can be used for that, and the other project underway is the downtown water line improvements and a portion of the Lift Station 1 Expansion Project. Mr. Roznovsky said there are a few projects they can dedicate to the Debt Service. Mr. Tramm said they will have to track where those funds go.

Randy Burleigh said another item was on page 26, under Miscellaneous – 27001-2 Transfer out of Debt Service out of GRP. Randy Burleigh said this was supposed to be the pass-through of the collected GRP per 1,000 gallons of water on your water bill. Randy Burleigh said when they put in the Catahoula Well this was where it left the Utility Fund back to the Debt Service Fund to pay the Debt Service for the Catahoula Well loan. Randy Burleigh said it used to be about \$150,000 and this year they collected about \$160,000, so he would imagine the funds are getting moved somewhere, but he stated they need to show the pass-through funds correctly in and out. Randy Burleigh said it is not going to get the City any more money by making the transfers correct.

Rebecca Huss said the GRP money should be used for groundwater reduction projects, and even if they don't send it to Debt Service Fund if they use it for projects that are groundwater reduction projects, that would be an acceptable alternative. Randy Burleigh said he did not agree with that because it was not supposed to be for projects it was supposed to be paying our debt for approximately 85% of the Catahoula Well loan and MEDC was going to pay \$110,000, and those two together paid the Catahoula Well debt. Rebecca Huss said it was not legally encumbered by any agreements or

legal documents that are currently available, and other entities are paying GRP as well. Randy Burleigh said if you do the paperwork right showing what they pull in as they sell more, they could raise the GRP fee if they need funds for additional projects, but it would be all accountable. Mr. Tramm advised he would get with Mr. Lasky about the estimated and adopted numbers for page 18, line 43947-A, and page 26.

- Special Funds

- Capital Projects Fund

Mr. Tramm reviewed the Capital Projects budget, advising in previous years they had made contributions to the debt service fund, which was part of the reason the surplus had built up. Mr. Tramm advised this year and going forward, they have allocated the same money for Capital Projects that are consistent with what MEDC funds can be spent on, so from the City's point of view they will present to the MEDC for them to choose to contribute.

Mr. Tramm reviewed page 18 – Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Tramm said Impact Fees is listed as a sub-item under FEMA Grant Revenue, and it should be corrected how it is noted. Mr. Roznovsky said that Impact Fees are collected in the Utility Fund and then transferred over, and if he remembered correctly, there is an income and a transfer line in the Utility Fund, and then an income line in the Capital Project Fund. Randy Burleigh asked them to remove “GRP” from #43947A-Transer Utility because the GRP total for the year is only \$165,000. Mr. Tramm said it should be relisted and they need to make the “Utility” and “Water/Sewer” Fund a consistent name of “Utility Fund.” Randy Burleigh said it would be good if they could place the line item number showing where the funds were being transferred so they can track the funds.

Mr. Roznovsky reviewed the Capital Projects, advised there was still some outstanding funds for the Baja Project, which is still undergoing administrative review to get the final draw released to pay out the final amounts. Mr. Roznovsky stated the GLO projects are based on the final grant amount for the administration of all the projects from GrantWorks. Mr. Roznovsky said they were showing the estimated amount remaining for Water Plant Three Improvements as of September 30, 2020, which is submitted to change pending the outcome of their meetings coming up.

Mr. Roznovsky said the Lift Station #1 Expansion was left as a placeholder, as of today the final startup of the Lift Station is supposed to be done on Thursday of this week,

so this should be closed out going into the next fiscal year. Mr. Roznovsky said they wanted to leave a place in case they had a lot of punch list items remaining.

Mr. Roznovsky said Lift Station #3 Re-route is shown at zero because the recommendation is to hold off on this project and re-evaluate next year. Mr. Roznovsky said this is not going away, it is just on hold. Mr. Roznovsky said the Downtown Waterline Improvements shows the remaining costs. Mr. Roznovsky said the only thing remaining on the 18-inch Sanitary Sewer Gravity Line is the final closeout documents that are waiting for the Lift Station to be complete and then it can be zeroed out. Mr. Roznovsky said the Engineering for the GLO projects is based on the grant that was submitted and approved by the State at \$225,000. Mr. Roznovsky said the Lift Station #3 Improvement from the GLO should not have been included as a project. Mr. Roznovsky said the figure for the Water Plant #3 Generator – GLO has been updated based on the budget amount that was approved with the grant. Mr. Roznovsky said the total grant amount is \$2.28 million and the total cost that was approved in the budget for construction, engineering, easement, land acquisition, environmental analysis, and administrative fees used up 100% so there is no City match on the GLO.

Mr. Roznovsky said they have updated the line items for the Downtown Waterline Improvements from the bid documents. Mr. Roznovsky said they have also updated the amounts for Water Plant #3 Improvements based on the recommendation that has not been awarded, which they will be meeting on Thursday to review and then bring back to City Council to discuss. Mr. Roznovsky said all the work has been completed on Baja Road and it is just a matter of timing to get the funds released and paid out to the contractor.

Randy Burleigh said the projects are expensive and almost double what they budgeted. Mr. Roznovsky said last year they were not as involved as they had been previously in the budget process, so he did not know where those figures came from last year and said yes the figures did come in high. Randy Burleigh asked if these figures include engineering costs or contingencies. Mr. Roznovsky said that was correct, they are separate line items.

Rebecca Huss said she thought Line Item 48004 – Police Vehicle Replacement was from last year and this year but they are revenue items not cost items because Capital Outlay Item 170070 – Transfer to Capital Project Fund Vehicle Replacement is their depreciation costs not an actual outlay of funds. Rebecca Huss said they are building assets with that payment out of their budget so after five years they should be able to

purchase a vehicle with zero impact to their yearly budget and just a transfer out of the Capital Projects Fund which is already paid for. Mr. Tramm said they were a bit puzzled as to why that was an expense item. Mr. Lasky said he wanted to confirm because the Revenue #43949.1 Transfer from General Police Vehicle Replacement for \$15,000 then offsets it with #48004 – Police Vehicle Replacement for the same \$15,000. Mr. Tramm said the correct action would be to delete the expense line item #48004- \$15,000. Mr. Lasky said he would remove that item.

Randy Burleigh commented on page 18, 43947A that is coming from line #27002. Randy Burleigh said 43947C- Transfer from Utility Capital Costs Projects is coming from Line #26901.2. Randy Burleigh said on the same line under the Estimated Budget 2019-2020 it is showing they are estimating to spend \$33,900. Randy Burleigh asked about page 20, under Atkins Creek it shows \$321,592 as an actual estimate, and asked if that pertained to the \$365,000 that the City received as a refund. Mr. Roznovsky said the total amount for construction of Atkins Creek was \$321,592.40. Mr. Roznovsky said the \$365,000 is the reimbursement of all expenses, including environmental, engineering, surveying, and construction costs. Mr. Roznovsky said the total project costs were around \$415,000. Randy Burleigh said the \$365,000 refund should have been captured in revenue under the Capital Project Fund. Mr. Roznovsky said all the expenses from the Atkins Creek Project are in the Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Roznovsky said on page 18, line item #43956.4 FEMA Hurricane Harvey it is blank, and said that is where that number would show up for this year. Mr. Tramm said they will research that information and put it in the correct location.

Randy Burleigh commented on page 20, where they had discussed streets and sidewalks and stated they had funds in the budget, but due to COVID-19, they did not plan on doing any of it this year. Mr. Tramm said there are things they would like to do and if the funds become available, they will approach City Council about authorizing those funds. Randy Burleigh said the funds should be earmarked for a special project. Rebecca Huss said no, not necessarily. Rebecca Huss said this is a different project completely that was specifically transferred to the Capital Projects Fund. Rebecca Huss said the projects that Mr. Muckleroy will do if the funds come in will be out of the General Fund, so it is not the same type of money. Randy Burleigh asked if there should be a different name for that project. Rebecca Huss said the funds were transferred from the streets line item, but it is not necessarily allocated for streets and sidewalks. Rebecca Huss said Randy Burleigh is correct it should be named to avoid confusion. Mr. Tramm said he would get together with Mr. Lasky to rename the

item. Rebecca Huss said the funds were more for saving for future large expenditures in Capital Items, such as water towers. Rebecca Huss advised Line Item #43949 – needs to be renamed. Mr. Lasky said he understood. Randy Burleigh said he was talking about page 20, Line Item 46000.1 – Streets/Sidewalks needs to be renamed. Rebecca Huss said they were talking about the same thing regarding the \$175,000.

- Court Security Fund

Mrs. Duckett reviewed the fund with City Council. There were no questions.

- Court Technology Fund

There were no questions regarding this fund.

- Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund

Mr. Tramm said they have been getting limited items. Rebecca Huss advised Hotel Occupancy Funds are only spent on specific expenditures. Mr. Tramm stated he was aware the fund is limited, but he is adding to his training to take some specific classes on this fund.

- Police Assets and Forfeitures

Rebecca Huss said it looked like there were no expectations of activity in this fund. Chief Solomon said that was correct. Rebecca Huss said she would expect due to the nature of the fund it would be hard to anticipate these funds. Chief Solomon advised that was correct. There were no questions.

- Montgomery Economic Development Corporation

This item was discussed earlier in the Agenda.

- ❖ Discussion 2020 Tax Rate


Mr. Tramm advised staff will make the changes discussed and get the revised document back out to everyone. Rebecca Huss said she would like to see the revised proposed Budget before it goes before City Council for adoption. Mr. Tramm said he intended to get the changes out to City Council in the next two days and if there is anything that was missed he asked that City Council contact him. Rebecca Huss asked that the Budget changes be redlines so they can track the changes. Mr. Lasky said he would take care of relining this information. City Council concurred that a second Workshop was not necessary.

Randy Burleigh had a follow-up with the Franchise Tax information and stated years ago LDC changed their rates, and now they have changed the way they calculate the franchise tax on the bills. Randy Burleigh said they used to charge the sales and another component, but they just stopped charging. Mr. Yates sent them some notes, and it was never resolved. Randy Burleigh

said they looked at other cable bills and asked if the City routinely checks to make sure that we receive the proper Franchise Tax on the cable, electric, etc. Randy Burleigh asked if someone was assigned to do that duty. Randy Burleigh said the Franchise Tax dropped in half from what it was for natural gas bills and nobody noticed that. Mr. Tramm asked if Randy Burleigh was asking if City staff was auditing their bills to customers. Randy Burleigh asked how the City knows they are sending the City the correct amount of franchise tax. Mayor Countryman said the City would not have known anything about it because the City does not receive an LDC bill and he had misrepresented what was going to the State, which is why there was a refund. Randy Burleigh said this is a different issue and this is about what the City Ordinance regarding franchise tax states that he should be charging the residents for franchise tax. Randy Burleigh advised the City has an ordinance for Entergy, cable companies, etc. Randy Burleigh said what Mr. Tramm was saying was it is impossible to know. Mr. Tramm said he was not entirely sure how, but he said he would investigate the matter and see how he can answer the questions. Rebecca Huss said it depends on the honesty of the companies in reporting their number of customers, but you could also look at the payments through the years and if they change unexpectedly which would be a bad sign. Randy Burleigh said that was what happened with LDC and the payment dropped to almost half. Mr. Tramm said if one came in significantly below expectations they would inquire about it, but if it had never been reported correctly to the City he was not sure how he would know. Mayor Countryman asked how the City receives that franchise tax. Rebecca Huss said it is received by check. Mayor Countryman asked if Mr. Lasky has processed a franchise tax from any entity. Mr. Lasky said he has not, he thought that went through the front desk. Ms. Hensley said the checks are processed through the front desk and the City does receive checks. Rebecca Huss said they have revenue for July of \$13,937 under Item 14111 which is coming from somewhere. Mr. Tramm said they receive a large payment from Entergy in September. Rebecca Huss asked who the payer is for the \$13,937 in franchise. Mr. Lasky said he thought most of it was from Consolidated and it is either quarterly fees that come in from them. Rebecca Huss said they should also be getting them from AT&T. Randy Burleigh said they should get payments from Suddenlink, LDC, Consolidated, AT&T, Verizon, and T-Mobile. Mr. Tramm said he would check into the info. Mr. Lasky said he can see there are payments from Comcast and some of the other companies, but Entergy is a larger payment. Randy Burleigh said they should also have CenterPoint since they are selling gas to Waterstone. Mr. Lasky said there is a CenterPoint deposit that does come in via ACH, possibly quarterly.

ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Huss moved to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Randy Burleigh seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Submitted by:  Date Approved: 11/10/2020
Susan Hensley, City Secretary


Mayor Sara Countryman

