

CITY OF BRITT – BRITT IOWA – MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

The City Council of the City of Britt, Iowa met in pursuant to law and the rules of said Council in a special session via Zoom Meeting (online) at 7:00 o'clock P.M. the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arndorfer, and the following Council members were:

PRESENT: Stacy Swenson, Curt Gast, Karrie Wallen, Paul Verbrugge and Chad Luecht

ABSENT: None

Mayor Arndorfer called the meeting to order. It was moved by Verbrugge and seconded by Gast to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was had which was as follows:

Ayes: Swenson, Gast, Wallen, Verbrugge, and Luecht

Nays: None

The motion carried.

The Mayor announced this was the time, date, and place for the public hearing regarding the adoption of the FY 2020/2021 Proposed Annual Budget. The public hearing opened at 7:01. The Mayor asked the City Clerk whether any petition had been filed in the Clerk's Office, as contemplated in Section 362.4 of the Code of Iowa, and the Clerk reported that no such petition had been filed.

The Mayor then asked the Clerk whether any written objections had been filed by any resident or property owner of the City regarding the adoption of the FY 2020/2021 Proposed Annual Budget. The Clerk advised the Mayor and the Council that no written objections had been filed. The Mayor then called for oral objections regarding the adoption of the FY 2020/2021 Proposed Annual Budget. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the time for receiving oral and written objections to be closed.

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the hearing regarding the adoption of the FY 2020/2021 Proposed Annual Budget was officially closed at 7:02.

The Mayor presented Resolution 10-2020 Adopting Budget for Fiscal Year July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and Certifying Tax Levies to the Hancock County Auditor. It was moved by Gast and seconded by Luecht to approve Resolution 10-2020 Adopting Budget for Fiscal Year July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and Certifying Tax Levies to the Hancock County Auditor. A roll call vote was had which was as follows:

Ayes: Swenson, Gast, Wallen, Verbrugge, and Luecht

Nays: None

The motion carried.

The new levy set for the fiscal year of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will be 18.38434. This is a decrease of 0.0005 from fiscal year 2019/2020.

In other business, Arndorfer presented the council with a renewal of the city's property, liability, automobile and cybercrime insurance. We have two quotes to consider. The first is from our current carrier ICAP (Iowa Communities Assurance Pool) and the other is from EMC (Employers Mutual Program). The base renewal quote from ICAP was submitted in the amount of \$47,141. The quote from EMC for the first year is \$52,637 and includes a one-time injury charge of \$2,100 which covers any injuries not reported at the exact time the policy goes into effect, a specialized policy for cybercrime and a membership with IAMU (Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities). Additionally, after the first full year we will be getting an estimated \$4,900

dividend each year from EMC in January. Our first dividend will be paid out in early January 2022 for the fiscal year of April 2020 to March 2021. Arndorfer did inform the Council that ICAP is currently being investigated by the State Auditor for expenses tied to the board meetings being held at resorts in Florida and Michigan each year. The State Auditor feels that since ICAP is funded by nearly 800 cities, counties and governments, they should be subject to open records laws that governmental agencies are required to follow. However, ICAP will not comply with the Auditors request for their financial records. It was moved by Luecht and seconded by Verbrugge to approve the quote from EMC in the amount of \$52,637 for our 2020/2021 property, liability insurance, automobile and cybercrime quote. A roll call vote was had which was as follows:

Ayes: Swenson, Gast, Wallen, Verbrugge, and Luecht

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Lastly, Arndorfer informed the council that Earl Hill, City Attorney, participated in a round-table question/answer about Covid-19 on how it effects governmental business. During this session rules surrounding open meetings were discussed. In essence, they explained what procedures the city would have to follow to stay in compliance with the Iowa open meeting laws. Additionally, he stated that if the meeting isn't essential, they suggested we all postpone any meetings until after Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Arndorfer informed the council that Zoom, the platform the city was using for their public hearing, is an acceptable option for any meeting we need to have. The link for the meeting will be shared with the public on the city's website and Facebook page. We will plan on holding the first meeting of the month on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as we have some issues that need to be discussed. If possible, we will not have the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in April 2020. The link for the meeting will be posted on our Facebook page, webpage and posted on the agenda displayed on City Hall.

With no further business it was moved by Wallen and seconded by Luecht to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was had which was as follows:

Ayes: Swenson, Gast, Wallen, Verbrugge, and Luecht

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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Debra R. Sawyer, City Administrator/Clerk

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Ryan L. Arndorfer, Mayor

“These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk and are subject to Council approval at the next regular meeting.”