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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE AFTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AFTON
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

APPROVED City Council Work Session Minutes
August 24, 2020
Afton City Hall
3033 St. Croix Trail
Afton, MN 55001
(Held Remotely via Zoom)
5:00 P.M.

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 5:02 P.M. by Mayor Bill Palmquist

2. ROLL CALL: Mayor Palmquist, Council Members Lucia Wroblewski, Randy Nelson, Annie Perkins, Stan Ross. **A Quorum was present.** The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Ron Moose and City Accountant Tom Niedzwiecki.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Motion/Second Palmquist/Ross To approve the agenda for the August 24, 2020 City Council Work Session. Roll Call, All Ayes, passed 5-0-0.

4. CITY COUNCIL BUISINESS

A. Mid-Year Financial Review

City Accountant, Tom Niedzwiecki provided a mid-year financial review focused on the General Fund and based on 2020 year-to-date financial information. He reported that, while some expenditure items have exceeded the year-to-date budgeted amounts, others are well below the budgeted amount and building permit fee revenue is well above the budgeted amount. Overall, the General Fund is doing well.

B. 2021 Proposed Budget

Moose reviewed the 2021 preliminary budget overview, which highlights the key expenditure increases and the impact of the proposed budget on the overall tax levy. He explained that the overall tax levy, based on the proposed budget would increase 6% over the 2020 tax levy. Mayor Palmquist suggested the tax levy should be minimized, so that it would not overly impact those whose finances have been affected by the Covid 19 Pandemic. The Council directed staff to review expenditure line-items and levies that could be reduced or eliminated for 2021, in an effort to reduce the overall tax levy to near 4%.

5. ADJOURN

Motion/Second Wroblewski/Ross to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Roll call: All ayes, passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ronald J. Moose, City Administrator

Approved by Council on September 15, 2020 as (check one): Presented: Amended: _____

Mayor Bill Palmquist _____ Date _____