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

APPROVED City Council Work Session Minutes
August 29, 2019
5:05 P.M.

1. **THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 5:05 P.M. by Mayor Palmquist.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Council Members Nelson, Ross and Wroblewski and Mayor Palmquist. **Members absent: Perkins. Quorum Present.**

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Ron Moore and City Accountant Tom Niedzwiecki

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion/Second: Ross/Nelson. To approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0-0.

4. **CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

A. 2020 Preliminary Budget

The Council discussed and asked questions about the General Fund Budget expense items.

The Council directed that the pay rate for seasonal maintenance staff be increased to a minimum of \$15.00 per hour to enable the City to hire the staff needed.

The Council confirmed increasing the expense item for additional speed enforcement patrols from \$2,500 to \$5,000

The Council discussed the funding plan and funding sources for addressing the Downtown Improvement Project funding gap related to the pay-off of the temporary bonds that were used to provide cash flow for the project. The Council also discussed a funding plan and funding sources for the River Road Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement Project and for the potential additional costs related to the condemnation process to determine the value of easements acquired for the Downtown Improvement Project.

The Council directed staff to obtain the detail regarding the \$100,000 of remaining construction costs for the Downtown Improvement Project. The Council agreed to increase the existing debt service levy that will be available to pay the debt service on a long term bond from \$107,000 to \$114,000.

The Council was supportive of the changes made to the budget and the resulting 4.96% increase in the total tax levy.

5. **ADJOURN –**

Motion/Second: Palmquist/Ross. To adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ronald J. Moore, City Administrator

Approved by Council on September 17, 2019 as (check one): Presented: Amended: _____

Signed by Mayor Bill Palmquist _____ Date _____