



City of SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Budget Meeting

March 12, 2018 Following the Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM

Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Olson, City Clerk Ii, Aldermen Chmielewski, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon & Robinson

Also present: Department of Public Works / City Engineer Horak, Chief Bianchi & EMA Director Ciciora

Absent: Alderman O'Sullivan

Prior to the police department presentation, Alderman Redden voiced his dissatisfaction with the budget saying he could not support a \$2.75 million budget that increased over \$400,000 from the previous year. He reminded the Council that the City increased the sales tax and telecommunication tax this year. Venting frustration with the Mayor and Council, Redden also spoke of recent hiring of city employees in various positions and leveled the charge of fiddle-di***** around in filling the City Hall accounting position that he felt was the most important. Chief Bianchi stated that much of the increase reflects ongoing grant applications that have not been funded to date. Overall, his budget is not requesting increases over the current budget apart from salaries due to the City's 'step' program and overall salary increases if the Council chooses. He added that there is no intention to hire new personnel during the new fiscal year.

EMA Director Ciciora present his budget requesting for \$10,000 to maintain the City's EMA program. Noting that there are no new residential buildings, there has been no collected impact money fees for years. The budget proposal is one-third of that requested 13 years ago when the housing market was booming. Council was warned that an emergency siren may need replacing during the next fiscal year due to age and the unavailability to obtain repair parts.

Next scheduled budget meeting will be Monday, March 19th at 6:00 PM prior to the COW meeting. Scheduled budgets to be presented are MFT, Engineering and Administration.

Audience Comments: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, **motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Redden to adjourn the Budget Meeting at 8:51 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

/s/ Denise li – City Clerk