



## **Horace City Council Special Meeting Minutes**

The Horace City Council met on September 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Horace Fire Hall Event Center.

Those present were Mayor Kory Peterson (via Teams), Councilmember Stephanie Landstrom, Councilmember Naomi Burkland, Councilmember Sarah Veit, and Councilmember Jeffrey Trudeau. Others present included: Brenton Holper.

Councilmember Veit called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Agenda Item #3: Approve Regular Agenda**

**Motion:** Approve the Regular Agenda

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion:** Councilmember Trudeau

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion:** Councilmember Burkland

**Action taken:** All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #4: FY 2023 Budget**

Mr. Holper provided an overview of a change to the proposed budget for the Solid Waste Fund, to only increase the utility rate by 5% vs. the originally proposed 10%. The City has received costs from Waste Management to offer cardboard recycling dumpsters. The City can try offering this service without expecting to increase the Solid Waste Fee for this service. If additional dumpsters and frequency of dumpster pick up is greater than expected, a rate increase would likely be brought forth to the City Council for additional discussion.

Public hearing was opened at 6:11pm and closed at 7:06pm. Concerns brought forth during the public hearing were in regards to Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and employee raise potential.

Julie Hochhalter explained how COLA's and Performance Raises are done at her work (NDSU) with a .5% COLA and a 1.5% merit raise.

Martin Hochhalter expressed concerns to increase communication to residents. He also asked how the City of Horace compares to other Cities and that the with the property valuations impact on the budget.

Councilmember Veit confirmed that the total number of deputies budgeted for FY 2023 is 3. Mr. Holper validated it.

Councilmember Burkland asked that the City looks into offering an automated telephone notification system.

Councilmember Trudeau asked why fuel costs budgeted were low? Mr. Holper explained that fuel costs in the FY 2023 Budget is broken out between multiple funds.

**Motion:** To Budget a 2.5% COLA for City Employees

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion:** Councilmember Landstrom

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion:** Councilmember Burkland

**Action taken:** 2-2 (Opposed – Councilmember Veit, Councilmember Trudeau), Mayor Peterson Broke the Tie Vote in Opposition of the Motion

**Motion:** To Budget a 3% COLA for City Employees

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion:** Councilmember Veit



**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion:** Councilmember Trudeau

**Action taken:** 2-2 (Opposed – Councilmember Landstrom, Councilmember Burkland), Mayor Peterson Broke the Tie Vote in Favor of the Motion

**Motion:** To Table the FY 2023 Budget for Final Approval on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion:** Councilmember Burkland

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion:** Councilmember Trudeau

**Action taken:** All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried.

**Agenda Item #5: Adjourn at 7:08 p.m.**

**Motion:** To Adjourn the meeting

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion:** Councilmember Trudeau

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion:** Councilmember Burkland

**Action taken:** All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at 6:00 pm.**