Mayor Brad Schumacher called the meeting to order. Council members present were Jack Edmonds, Jenny Gerold, Jules Zimmer, and Jeff Reynolds. Staff present were: Administrator Robert Barbian, Finance Director Steve Jackson, Public Works Director Bob Gerold, Police Chief Todd Frederick, Community Development Specialist Stephanie Hillesheim, Clerk Shawna Jenkins, Wastewater Plant Manager Chris Klinghagen, Liquor Store Manager Nancy Campbell, and Fire Chief Ron Lawrence.

**2020 Capital Improvement Discussion**

Campbell, Klinghagen, B Gerold, Hillesheim, and Barbian went over the new items that have been added to Capital Improvement for Liquor, Sewer, Finance, Community Development, Administration, Airport, and Public Infrastructure.

Jackson advised that the increased amount needed from property taxes for 2020 is $131,925, and at a 98% collection rate that would be $134,617. The Levy increase percentage is 5.48%, however that may change once the City receives the valuations.

Edmonds stated he feels it is best to stay with the current increase, as the amount set for the preliminary cannot be increased.

Schumacher said he would like to see $100,000 in Liquor funds be used yearly to pay a bond fee on some needed projects.

Edmonds asked what percentage the City is at. Jackson responded that the City is at about 60%. The Auditor suggested that if the City is in a situation where we have more revenue or less expenditures, that some funds are transferred to the EDA, as they are carrying almost a 1.3 million negative fund balance.

**Strategic Planning**

The Council would like more time to review this, and discuss it at a study session meeting once the Budget is finished.

Edmonds asked if there is a meeting set up with PUC yet. Barbian responded that Butcher had a family emergency, so nothing is set up yet. Schumacher added that he would like Paul from Delano to come as well, and discuss how they have resolved their differences with their Utility Company and have a great relationship.

Edmonds stated he would like the Council to sign the SMMPA agreement, as the City Attorney has reviewed and approved of the agreement. Schumacher replied that he would at least like a goodwill gesture to set up the joint meeting.

Barbian said there are some issues that should be discussed and questioned if a joint meeting with the Council and PUC would be beneficial. Zimmer would like a joint meeting, with a list of items to discuss put on the agenda.

Edmonds said the agreement needs to be signed. Zimmer agreed.
Police K9 Program Update

Frederick reported that K9 Chico has been dealing with some hip issues over the last few months. There was a training incident where he hit his head, and while the vet checked him out and he appeared to be okay, they now believe it caused some nerve damage from his head all the way back to his tail. He has seen 3 vets and they do not believe it is fixable.

There is another dog available that was put on hold from another department. While the original intended handler is similar to Officer Cedarburg, they will make sure this dog would be a great fit. A standard cost for a dog is approximately $10,000, but could be cheaper in this situation. There are funds still available in the K9 program fund.

ZIMMER MOVED TO PURCHASE THE DOG. J GEROLD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

ZIMMER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE STUDY SESSION AT 6:23PM. J GEROLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted,

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Shawna Jenkins Tadych
City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Brad Schumacher, Mayor