

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
4:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by Mayor St. Ores at 4:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Susan St. Ores and Councilmembers John Dahl, Michele Hanson, Connie Carlson, and Ethan Gilmore

Staff Present: City Administrator Adam Bell and Public Works Director Matt Kline

DISCUSS PRELIMINARY CITY BUDGET FOR 2022

Administrator Bell presented the updated budget information made available from Washington County. Bayport is estimated to have a 4.8% market value increase. He explained that with this increase in value, the city is able to increase the levy to invest additional funds for capital project reserves without causing much of an impact on the tax amount for Bayport residents. The main question that the City Council needs to decide is what amount of levy the City Council wants and to which areas the city wants to assign the capital investments. Mr. Bell presented multiple scenarios based on varying levy amounts. Mr. Bell also presented the median Bayport home value and the respective tax impact for a range of home values. Mr. Bell reiterated his opinion that due to the future equipment and improvement project needs of the city, it was important to take advantage of saving the money this year while the impact on the tax payers would be minimal. The future expenses would need to take place eventually and a small increase now would be better than a larger impact if the additional funding were put off to a later date.

The Council discussed the differing scenarios and the consensus was to set the 2022 levy at approximately \$1,592,000, which was approximately a \$99,000 increase over the 2021 levy including the \$10,000 increase for the library levy. This amount would have roughly a \$12 tax increase on the median home in Bayport. Mr. Bell and Mr. Kline highlighted the proposed Capital Improvement Plan items and projects again for the City Council. The City Council directed staff to assign the additional capital investment funds in the Street Reconstruction, Capital Recreation Equipment, and Cemetery Funds. The 2022 Preliminary Budget would be formally adopted at the September 27, Special City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Hanson and seconded by Councilmember Carlson to adjourn the workshop at 5:57 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.