

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
City Council Workshop
December 15, 2021

Mayor Kyle Pauley presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Candice Makos, Stana Cummings, Debbi Moran, Jim Ancich, and Miles Wenzel.

STAFF PRESENT

Attorney Steve Johnson, Police Chief Casey Stratton, City Administrator Darrin Raines, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Nations, and Finance Director Julie Pope

Finance Director Pope presented the proposed Operating Budget for the calendar year 2022. This year's budget for all funds is \$7,490,291. She stated that the City Administrator's wages had been previously allocated mostly to the utilities because he had been overseeing those departments. Since Jeff Nations was promoted to Public Works Superintendent, Darrin's wage allocation was moved from there to City Hall. She stated that during the Council meeting, she will be asking to hold off on setting aside reserves for Water and Sewer next year. We are operating on a tight budget plus we are already looking at big increases for the rate payers. If we added the reserves, we would have to raise rates 20% instead of 10%. For the general fund, she is asking that we set aside 10% for reserves instead of 15%. She stated that we are still recovering from the pandemic and inflation is currently 6.8% and continuing to rise.

For the remaining funds, the proposed budget is the same as it had been presented at previous council meetings.

This budget is 14% higher than the 2021 budget. Mayor Pauley thanked the Finance Director, the City Administrator and the Finance Sub-Committee. Director Pope also thanked the Finance Sub-Committee.

Mayor Pauley adjourned the meeting.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor