

**CITY OF MELFORT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
December 9, 2020**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, in the City Hall Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 4:30 pm

PRESENT: COUNCIL: Deputy-Mayor Terry, Chair; Mayor George and Councillors Phillips, Muntain, Enge, Hoenmans and Mitchell.

STAFF: R. Danberg, City Manager; S. Peterson, City Treasurer; B. Lutz, Director of Planning, Development & Community Relations; G. Gilmore, Director of Works & Utilities and H. Audette, City Clerk.

2021 CAPITAL BUDGET

The Treasurer presented an overview of the preliminary 2021 capital budget, detailed in the Administrative memo dated December 4, 2020. The Landfill capital budget is deferred at this time.

General Capital

- i) The Airport Power Infrastructure project budget has been reduced from \$50,000 to \$22,000, resulting in a total reserve requirement of \$532,374 to complete all priority 1 projects.
- ii) The Director will provide the rental cost of the grader unit 38, to determine whether we could lease the same unit and to compare the buy-out option, the cost of a new lease and the purchase of a brand-new unit.
- iii) The 930 Cat loader is a 1983 unit, rather than 1986.
- iv) Approval from the Melfort District Fire Fighting Society will be required prior to proceeding on the fire department items.
- v) Community Services is to conduct a thorough review of the mower fleet when the leases come due next budget year.
- vi) Councillor Mitchell requested that as part of the five-year capital plan, that Council take a serious look at the Post Office/Library use and an off-leash dog park. These items can also be discussed at the strategic planning session.

Utility Capital

- i) The 930 Cat loader is a 1983 unit, rather than 1986.

Special Capital

Phase 2 Watermain Replacement Program

The Treasurer reviewed her memo dated November 30, 2020, noting that if the City is required to fully fund the phase 2 watermain replacement project, the City will need to prepare by:

- reviewing utility rates to perhaps incorporate a financial component
- preparing for external borrowing by 2022
- potentially accelerating internal payments to increase internal borrowing capacity.

The City Treasurer, Director of Works & Utilities and Director of Planning, Development & Community Relations left the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

The remainder of the meeting was closed to the public due to the fact that the item on the agenda is included in the list of exemptions found in Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

PERSONNEL

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk