

**CITY OF MELFORT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
January 10, 2022**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday, January 10, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 1:57 p.m.

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

STAFF: A. Homes, City Manager, S. Stewart Director of Protective Services, G. Gilmore, Director of Works and Utilities, S. Peterson, City Treasurer and M. Seymour, City Clerk.

A portion of this meeting was closed to the public due to the fact that the items on the agenda are included in the list of exemptions found in Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

IN CAMERA SESSION

1. MI Developments Rural Water Servicing Presentation

PUBLIC SESSION – Commenced at 2:54 pm

2. Animal Control

The Director of Protective Services indicated that the current contract with Melfort Comfy Kennels to provide Animal Control for the City of Melfort was in need of renewal and review. Contract changes include verbiage to include service within city limits as well as all city owned or leased land outside of city limits, and an increase of remuneration to \$1496.50/month. The Director recommended to the committee that the contract be reviewed and presented to Council for vote.

3. 2022 Budget Session

General Capital

The City Treasurer presented changes to the proposed 2022 Capital Budget indicating that the major changes reflect how transfers are done into city reserve funds, as well as external borrowing of 4 million dollars to balance a 2-year budget. Council directed administration to provide a break down of how the borrowing would impact the mill rate.

General Operations

The City Treasurer presented the general operating budget as a status quo budget along with a \$482,605 preliminary deficit, this does not include the additional requests for staffing requirements as well as technology advancements for the city.

Utility Operations

No additional requests were submitted for utility operations, rate increases will be implemented in accordance with the Water Works Bylaw. At this time the transfers to utility capital are inadequate to meet the needs of the utility infrastructure replacement. Administration is reviewing the current rate to ensure that multi-year rate increases will meet the needs of the infrastructure replacements.

Landfill Operations

No additional requests made for landfill operations, infrastructure regulatory requirements mandated by the Ministry will affect operations in the future and a review of fees will be completed by administration.

Waste Collection Operations

No additional requests for waste collection operations.

Wellness Center Medical Clinic Operations

No additional requests.

Council would like to see the impact to the mill rate with all the increases and requests made.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk