

**CITY OF MELFORT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
March 4, 2021**

Minutes of the City of Melfort Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Thursday, March 4, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

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

STAFF: A. Homes, City Manager; S. Stewart, Director of Protective Services; B. Lutz, Director of Planning, Development & Community Relations; S. Peterson, City Treasurer; G. Gilmore, Director of Works & Utilities and H. Audette, City Clerk.

2. 2021 OPERATING BUDGET

a) General Operating Budget

- i) Two seasonal positions for patching and the cemetery have been added as an additional request for consideration.
- ii) The Treasurer corrected salary coding between planning/rec admin.
- iii) Heritage Admin grants to organizations – the 2021 funding has been left intact until Museum grants are reassessed and restored.
- iv) A line-item identifying 'lease amounts' has been added.
- v) The Clerk will arrange for a presentation by SaskTel on the Smart City initiative.
- vi) The Treasurer is to prepare two balancing scenarios for consideration:
 - Scenario 1: - Apply \$150,000 from 2020 projected surplus to general operating deficit and \$50,000 to Facility Maintenance Reserve.
 - Apply a 1.72% mill rate increase
 - Fund the remainder of the deficit from the Mill Rate Stabilization Reserve.
 - Scenario 2: - Same conditions as Scenario 1, but projecting a 2% mill rate increase.

b) Utility Operating Budget

- i) Utility rate increases will be presented to Council for approval.

c) Landfill

- i) Coding issue between ground water testing and engineer consulting was corrected.
- ii) Reviewed revenue and expense projections for free usage at the landfill. The Works & Utilities Committee will study free use further.
- iii) Landfill rates will increase twice in 2021.

d) Waste Collection

- i) Plus Industries' request was approved by Works & Utilities Committee.
- ii) 16 extra residential carts are contracted from Greenland Waste.

e) **Wellness Centre Medical Clinic Operating Budget**

3. **SPECIAL LEVY OPTIONS**

The Committee of the Whole discussed the Treasurer's memo dated March 2, 2021, and decided against setting a special levy to recoup the Wellness Centre investment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk