

Mayor Sandie Peterson called the first Truth in Taxation hearing and 2022 budget workshop to order on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Lafayette Council Chambers at 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. Present were: Mayor Sandie Peterson, Councilors: Dave Reed, Scott Portner, Tom Polich, and Curt Tauber. Also present were: Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, and Fire Chief Nick Klingler

Guests present: none

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no guests for the Truth in Taxation hearing, so council proceeded with the budget workshop.

The preliminary budget was set at GF \$154,652.00 or an increase of \$24,410.00, or 12.2%
After insurance and other variables came in it was adjusted to \$153,395 an increase of \$23,530

Burger offered a possible budget scenario with a \$8,523 total increase or 4.86%
Increase council training from 1000 to 1200
Increase the clerk training from 1000 to 1200
Decrease election by going mail-in from 3300 to 850
Increase Liquor license by 850 (1/2 year of a 2nd license) 1700 to 2550
Decrease fire training from 12000 to 11000 no new recruits are in the works
Decrease fire R&M from 14000 to 7000 due to the city pumper was repaired this year and the door bid was \$4900
PW decreased the snow from 12000 to 10000
Added the Laf Street assessment to Receipts 81.00
Culture increased the rental from 1000 to 2000 - getting more calls for use, hopeful!
Increased Culture operating by 1000 for handicap porta potties to 4500
Water increased testing from 3000 to 4000
Increased flow to 50000 and base to 95000 due to fee increases for January 2022
WWTF Increased testing from 3000 to 4000
Increased flow to 55000 and base to 92000 due to fee increases for January 2022

Council discussed many of these items. Mail-in verses in-person and costs, snow removal, GF building supplies, parks, etc. They asked for clarification on the mail in voting process, and the consensus was they would be okay with an increase up to 6.83%, which would be a \$11,973 increase.

Burger will get mail in voting clarifications from Nicollet County and email council.

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Tauber to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm; all ayes, motion carried. The council will hold the second Truth in Taxation hearing and council meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021 at the Lafayette City Council Chambers at 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette at 7:00 pm.

Sandie Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer