Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan called the special meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Susan Pardee  
Mrs. Pamela Cameron  
Mr. Phillip Ertel  
Mr. John Rach  
Mr. Steven Sims  
Mrs. Michele Weiss  
Mr. Mark Wiseman

Also, Present: Law Director Luke McConville  
Finance Director William Sheehan III  
Clerk of Council Kelly M. Thomas  
Police Chief Dustin Rogers  
Fire Chief Robert Perko

**Agenda Items:**

A. Ordinance 2018-17 City Budget for 2018 (on second reading)

Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan suggested that Council may want to amend this item to being on second reading and on emergency measure.

Mr. McConville added that by approving Ordinance 2018-17 on emergency it would then make sure that monies that are appropriated immediately and would not have any gaps in time with respect to the temporary appropriation Ordinance and the appropriations that are contained in Ordinance 2018-17. Emergency Ordinances takes effect immediately upon passage. Mr. McConville added the point that the two-meeting rule in not being waived because this is the second reading, the first reading occurred at the March 19, 2018 Council meeting.

Mr. Sheehan stated he felt this was a good budget. It includes the following: one new police officer; one new fire/paramedic; video streaming and equipment; economic development employee; communications/civic engagement coordinator; new administration assistant and raises for non-union employees. The budget has been vetted and reviewed by the Administration, Finance and Finance Advisory Committees.

Mrs. Pardee added that the proposed budget not only reflexes a lot of discussions and vetting during committee meetings but also the Mayor’s wish for the Administration and his vision for the City, especially has he outlined it during his campaign and election to Mayor for implementation. At base, the City has total General Fund expenditures in the proposed budget of $16,385,952.00 with a total of all funds being $23,255,086.00.

Mrs. Pardee stated that she would like to move for the approval of the 2018 Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee of Council and presented tonight on emergency.

**MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS to approve Ordinance 2018-17 City Budget for 2018 on second reading and emergency. On roll call, all voted “aye.”**

Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan added that the budget was the work and culmination of Vice-Mayor Pardue and Councilwoman Mrs. Weiss, members of City Council and Department Directors. The budget represents a balance being the departments wishes and needs. Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan thanked and noted his gratification by the process, the professionalism and thoroughness by all persons involved.

Mr. Wiseman commented that Council has more times than in the past regarding the budget; at least once a week. Mr. Wiseman noted that this was the first year that Council heard directly from the Department Directors about their department’s needs and visions regarding personnel and equipment. The current level of transparency over the last few months should not go unnoticed by citizens and the amount of inquiry/input from not only department heads but from the administration. The new Administration deserves that chance to implement the vision that the Mayor thought was good direction for the City to go on and ran his campaign on. Mr. Wiseman stated that he had every faith and belief that this will end up being good for the City with a great process and good budget.

B. Ordinance 2018-16 Amending Codified Ordinance Section 212.01 Entitled
“Advertising Requirements; Bids” And Ordinance 212.03 Entitled “Execution and Approval,” for the Purpose of Increasing the Mayor’s Spending Authority to $15,000 (on first reading)

Mr. McConville stated that there had been a request by Fire Chief Perko to the Mayor for repairs to the fire truck.

Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan commented that Fire Chief Perko informed him today about the immediate need to have repairs done to the fire truck engine; the estimate is roughly $111,000.

Mr. McConville added that in order for the Mayor to make this expenditure the Ordinance would have to be passed on emergency. If the Ordinance is not passed on emergency, then the Mayor’s spending authority that is enacted by this Ordinance would not go into effect for 30 days. If this Ordinance is on emergency, then it would go into effect immediately. Mr. McConville said like Ordinance 2018-17 Council is not waiving the two-reading rule because this is the second reading, it is being passed on emergency so that necessary expenditures could be made immediately.

Mr. Wiseman clarified that the legislation was already been read on first reading at the March 19, 2018 Council meeting and the change wasn’t being made because the fire engine needs to be repaired the only change to the legislation is the emergency measure so that the Mayor could approve the repair of the fire engine. And presumably this legislation was going to be passed by City Council regardless the condition of the fire truck.

Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan added that because this was a Special Council meeting the request to repair the fire engine could not be added to the agenda.

Mrs. Pardee added that this legislation stems from a recommendation from the Finance Committee of Council. The Finance Committee and the Finance Advisory Committee met and discussed increasing the Mayor’s spending authority. The $15,000 amount was chosen because at $15,000 the Mayor must go out for public bid for anything over that amount. Also, because there is now a high level of transparency with the Administration where Council is informed about what the plans are, what his vision is, what is being purchased and what the Mayor is working. Therefore, Council felt they could approve going to this higher level of spending authority.

Mr. Sims stated that the increase that Council is considering is also because of the fact of the existing level of $5,000 has not been amended for 30 years and most other communities have long gone to higher spending authorities for their Mayors.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS to approve Ordinance 2018-16 Amending Codified Ordinance Section 212.01 Entitled “Advertising Requirements; Bids” and Ordinance 212.03 Entitled “Execution and Approval,” for the Purpose of Increasing the Mayor’s Spending Authority to $15,000 on second reading and emergency. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS to adjourn the meeting. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Michael Dylan Brennan, Mayor

Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council