

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Brett L. Wittner called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett L. Wittner, Joe Barrentine, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were none.

**PRELIMINARY 2023 BUDGET**

Interim City Manager Corcoran briefed the Council on the Preliminary 2023 Budget and provided an update on the additional allocations of funds to include an additional officer, moving the part-time Deputy City Clerk position to a full-time position, an additional \$2,000 to the Planning Department professional services line, the Council Chambers audio-visual upgrade and a two percent increase in utility rates.

It was requested by Council that the Interim City Manager present the Council Chambers' audio-visual upgrade discussion at a regular council meeting.

Discussions included the sewer treatment cost, the sewer treatment fee schedule ordinance, the sewer fund balance, the use of ARPA funds, funding options for an additional police officer, and utilizing the deferred property taxes for the 2023 budget.

There was a Council consensus to use ARPA funds and deferred property taxes to fund an additional police officer. There was a Council consensus to provide a cost-of-living adjustment for city staff of 9.5 percent based on the Consumer Price Index. There was a Council consensus to utilize the deferred property taxes plus the one percent and to decrease the ARPA funds by the respective property tax revenue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

  
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Brett L. Wittner, Mayor

  
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Arlette Burkhart, Deputy City Clerk