

SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION
609 29th Street, Vienna, WV 26105
March 16, 2023
6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Invocation was given by Recorder Melissa Elam. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Randy Rapp.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Vienna City Council met in Special Session on March 16, 2023. Mayor Randy Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

ROLL CALL:

Attendance was taken by Recorder Melissa Elam with the following Council members present: Kim Williams, Tom Azinger, Jim Leach (via phone), Roger Bibbee, Chris Mancuso, City Attorney Russell Skogstad, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp. Absent: None.

REPORT OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Council Session scheduled on 3/9/2023 will be posted for the next Regular Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **None.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION: Approving The 2023-2024 General Fund And Coal Severance Budgets; Submission To West Virginia State Tax Commissioner**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIENNA, that the General Fund and Coal Severance Budgets, copies of which are attached hereto, for fiscal year 2023-2024 are hereby approved. The Treasurer of the City of Vienna is hereby authorized and directed to forward same to the West Virginia State Tax Commissioner for approval.

Councilman Tom Azinger moved to approve the Resolution Approving The 2023-2024 General Fund And Coal Severance Budgets; Submission To West Virginia State Tax Commissioner. Motion seconded by Councilman Roger Bibbee.

Councilwoman Kim Williams asked why we are putting in \$25,000 for a search for an Economic Development Director but not putting money in the budget for a salary position. Councilman Jim Leach responded that this will allow Council to take the time to define the position. He said we are not prepared to hire that person yet. He said allocating funds will give Council options. We can decide if we need the position and what it will look like and whether we need help developing the job description. He would like to see a committee formed to pursue the creation of this position. Mayor Rapp expressed his agreement with Councilman Leach and believes we need to give consideration for the position.

Councilwoman Kim Williams is still concerned about the cost of the pool not being in the budget.

Councilwoman Kim Williams moved to move \$3 million from Capital Reserves to line 322 (Contributions from other funds) and amend 542-58 Capital Outlay-Other to \$3 million. Seconded by Councilman Chris Mancuso.

Councilman Chris Mancuso agrees with Councilwoman Williams and believes \$3 million is a reasonable amount to set aside. He doesn't believe it is showing our hand.

Recorder Melissa Elam expressed that if this was money that we didn't know where it was coming from it would be different but because we know a portion will come from Capital Reserves she would prefer waiting until we have real numbers from real bids before moving money.

Mayor Randy Rapp does not support the amendment.

Councilman Jim Leach affirmed Council's commitment to the pool.

Councilwoman Kim Williams feels there is still grey area. She thinks it makes the most sense to budget for the pool.

Councilman Chris Mancuso thinks it makes sense to make a commitment.

Roll call vote taken by Mayor Randy Rapp. Councilwoman Kim Williams and Councilman Chris Mancuso voting "yes". Councilman Tom Azinger, Councilman Jim Leach, Councilman Roger Bibbee, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp voting "no". Vote: 2-5.

Councilwoman Kim Williams moved to amend line 607-68 Friends of Vienna All Contributions from \$40,000 to \$25,000 and amend 299 Unencumbered Balance from \$450,000 to \$435,000. Seconded by Councilman Chris Mancuso.

Roll call vote taken by Mayor Randy Rapp. Councilwoman Kim Williams and Councilman Chris Mancuso voting "yes". Councilman Tom Azinger, Councilman Jim Leach, Councilman Roger Bibbee, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp voting "no". Vote: 2-5.

Roll call vote taken by Recorder Melissa Elam. Councilwoman Kim Williams, Councilman Tom Azinger, Councilman Jim Leach, Councilman Roger Bibbee, Councilman Chris Mancuso, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp voting "yes". Vote: 7-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Melissa Elam, Recorder

Randall C. Rapp, Mayor

APPROVED: _____
 Initials Date