

City of Echo Special City Council Meeting

August 22nd, 2023

7:00 pm Echo Community Center

The special city council meeting of the City of Echo was called to order by Mayor Busack.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Jim Busack, Reid Hanson, Mark Schettler, Darren Gjerset, Dan Larsen, Bryan Nielsen, Brian Pitzl.

Others Present:

Old Business: The council met to cover several items. At the August 8 council meeting, the council decided to not choose a refuse and recycling service provider due to receiving a proposal after the deadline. Under advisement of the city attorney, the city was advised to cancel/reject all previous proposals and readvertise a new request for proposal. Motion made by Councilman Hanson, Seconded by Councilman Schettler to reject all proposals received. Motion carried Unanimously. Motion made by Councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilman Gjerset to readvertise for refuse and recycling services. Motion carried unanimously. The council would like to change the water/sewer bill payment policy. It is currently set that if the bill is 90 days past due, the resident has 7 days to pay the bill or have their water disconnected. The council would like to change it to if it is 30 days past due, the resident would have 10 days to pay for it or have their water disconnected. This process requires a public hearing to allow residents to have input on the matter. Motion made by Councilman Gjerset, seconded by Councilman Schettler to set a public hearing for September 12th, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Echo Community center prior to the regular city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Discussed the proposed 2024 City Budget. The clerk had prepared a 3% increase. The council would like to set the preliminary levy at a 6% increase as once the preliminary levy is set, it cannot be raised. Motion made by Councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilman Schettler to approve setting the 2024 Tax Levy at \$175,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Councilman Larsen, Seconded by Councilman Schettler. Motion carried unanimously.

James Busack, Mayor

Brian Pitzl, Clerk/Treasurer