

**CITY OF BYRON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021
BYRON CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rickard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

- 1. ROLL CALL – Aldermen present:** *Todd Isaacs, Emily Gerdes, Mittzi Fulrath, Zeke Hobbie, Michael Gyorkos (arrived 5:47 pm). Aldermen participating by telephone: Jessica Nehring, Christy Hanlin. Seven members present by roll call vote. **Quorum established.**

* - denotes start of the roll call vote

PRESENT:	Mayor	John Rickard
	City Clerk	Caryn Huber
	City Attorney	Aaron Szeto
	Dir. Of Public Works	Aaron Vincer
	Police Chief	Todd Murray
	Dir. of Econ. Dev.	Larry Hewitt
	Engineer	Jason Stoll

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

- 4. 2021-2022 BUDGET** – Alderman Isaacs said the proposed budget is approximately 80% complete, and directed the council's attention to the copy of the preliminary budget located in Dropbox. He asked department heads to review. Looking at the budget summary, he estimates revenues (excluding sales and local tax) to be \$1,927,250. Cash on hand in the general fund is \$594,885, and in roads is \$1,036,195. Even though some of the road money needs to hold over until next year, the Community Services Committee will look at expanding the 2021 Streets program. Engineer Stoll recommends completing the work in the Edge-A-Town subdivision. Discussion ensued regarding how to best use the Rebuild Illinois funds, and the Rescue America Stimulus money. The Police budget will need to include funding for body cams in the coming years. Water and sewer depreciation has \$107,357 on hand, and Alderman Isaacs plans to use this for water tower maintenance. With the increase in water and sewer charges, he hopes to have funds to save for maintenance. He invited aldermen and department heads to contact him with questions.

A separate Schedule of Street and Engineering costs, and a Schedule of Salaries & Wages is in Dropbox. One of the police officers is being deployed, and Chief Murray does not have a training slot until next January.

Mayor Rickard said that Local Use Tax is expected to decrease, since the state plans on reducing the amount received by municipalities (we will receive 90% instead of 100%). Director Hewitt added that he is hoping to have funds added for a new web site (\$5,000), as well as an emergency alert system (\$3,800), and the NextSite economic development program (\$8,000).

5. **ADJOURN** – Alderman Isaacs motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Alderman Gerdes. Roll call vote: Gerdes, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Hobbie, AYE; Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE; Isaacs, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 7; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

Mayor Rickard adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caryn A. Huber

City Clerk of Byron, Illinois

MAYOR JOHN RICKARD	CITY CLERK CARYN A. HUBER
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