

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION  
CITY OF TWIN OAKS BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Fortune at 6:07 p.m. pursuant to public notice and agenda. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor Russ Fortune-yea

Aldermen Lisa Eisenhauer –yea  
Tim Stoeckl-yea  
April Milne – yea  
Dennis Whitmore – yea

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk  
Paul Rost, City Attorney  
Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant

**2021 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant, did a brief review of the various funds in the City's budget. Mr. Blume stated the City has Special Purpose Funds and General Operating Funds. He reviewed what categories are included in these funds and how they relate to the budget.

Mr. Blume reviewed the Budget Adjustment Schedule. This shows where the City was previously and where the City is today.

The Capital Improvement project list was reviewed with the Board and the amount proposed to be spent in 2021. Mayor Fortune had a question regarding the amount budgeted in 2020 and 2021 for the Autumn Leaf runoff. City Clerk Johnson gave an explanation on these numbers. Mayor Fortune would like to decrease the amount for 2020. Discussion ensued. It was decided to reduce the amount for 2020 to \$22,000.00.

The landscaping for the Golden Oak circle will be done in 2021. The amount budgeted in 2020 will be moved to 2021.

Alderman Whitmore requested that the decorative light for the Woodland Oaks entrance be added to the budget. City Clerk Johnson stated that he will be getting an estimate from Gerstner who did the installation on the other decorative lights. City Clerk Johnson estimated the cost will be between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00. The Board agreed to budget \$7,500.00 for the installation in 2020.

Mr. Blume reviewed the City's revenues. He stated that looking at revenue predictions for 2021 at this time it is looking unsteady due to the uncertainty with the Pandemic. It is not known the long term effect of the pandemic on the economy. At this time the City is running at a deficit. This should be a factor that the Aldermen keep in mind when deciding how to progress with projects in the City.

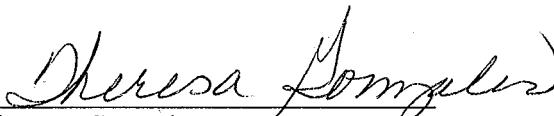
Alderman Milne stated that with the recent St. Louis County mandates, the restaurants in Twin Oaks are hurting. She was wondering if something could be done for these businesses regarding their license fees. She would like the City to look into what could possibly be done. City Clerk Johnson stated that since the City is operating at a deficit there is not a lot of extra money to work with. Alderman Milne stated that maybe some cuts could be made in expenditures for 2021. Mayor Fortune stated that he felt it would be difficult to manage and review this process. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to discuss this topic at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop.

Alderman Whitmore stated that since the City is not having the Appreciation Dinner this year due to the pandemic he would like to take the amount spent last year and divide between the Committee and Commission members in a gift certificate to Nicoletti's. Mayor Fortune stated that the office was going to purchase a gift basket for \$25 from Schnucks and a \$50 gift certificate to Nicoletti's for each member. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed to spend the \$25 and \$50 already proposed.

### ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Stoeckl motioned to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 7:08 p.m., seconded by Alderman Milne and motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

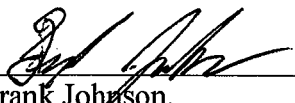
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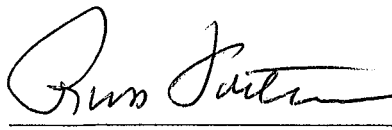
  
Theresa Gonzales,  
Administrative Assistant

Date of Approval:

12-2-2020

ATTEST:

  
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Frank Johnson,  
City Clerk

  
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Russ Fortune,  
Mayor, Board of Aldermen