



**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2021**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Special Session on **Monday, March 15, 2021**, at 6:00p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Police Station, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan.

SPECIAL MEETING

Members present were Mayor Walker, Councilmembers Kerwin (6:55 p.m.), Squires, DiMichele, Earle, Lynch.

Members absent were Councilmember Jacobs

Also present were City Manager Dougherty, City Clerk Miller, City Treasurer Marciniak, DPS Director Ohman, Police Chief Gibbons, Personnel Director Griggs, Communications Director York and Court Administrator Remer.

The meeting agenda considered the following items.

- A. 21/22 Budget: Council Budget Workshop
- Overview
 - Preliminary Revenue Assessment Estimates
 - Debt Service Requirements
 - Capital Projects (5-Year CIP)
 - Personnel Cost Summary
 - Goal Setting

The City Manager and City Treasurer gave a presentation and overview of the 2021/2022 FY Budget. Which included information on the roads project, fund consolidation, new chart of accounts, revenue and expenses, state shared revenue, Act 51 revenue, debt payment, capital projects, retirement costs, historical tax value and fund balance.

The Council discussed some goals for the 2021/2022 FY Budget.

Mayor Walker - Requested that the City continues to update ordinances to regulate and reduce the amount of marijuana grow houses, install more LED streetlights in the City and keep up with the rental inspections.

Councilmember Squires - Requested a focused effort for the redevelopment of the Stu Evans property, more enforcement of rental certificate of occupancy, increased penalties on enforcement actions, reduce water delinquency and to continue this year with the 4 x 4 Program.

Councilmember Earle - Requested a review of the CARES Act funds and to utilize them for needed areas of the City, OPEB timeframes, a review of the chip & seal program and it's durability, the repaving of Moeller at Cherry Hill and the continued enforcement of rental houses.

Councilmember Lynch - Requested the enforcement of the ordinance that requires the payment of all outstanding fees prior to the permits and C of O, continue with ordinance updates, expand the hours of Ordinance enforcement, cutback of overgrowth of trees and shrubs on the public sidewalks, additional streetlights on streets that do not have enough lighting, Conference of Western Wayne has a funding increase for Youth Assistance and would like to work with the Peer Recovery Program at St. Mary Hospital.

Councilmember DiMichele - Requested to investigate starting a community service work program for the 21st District Court, a complete review of RV parking on residential lots and limiting the number of vehicles and review the snow emergency Policy for DPW snow removal in the Ordinance.

Councilmember Kerwin - Requested that the City focuses on economic development outside of the DDA, work towards the attraction and retaining of businesses, increase in ordinance enforcement and to contact Garden City High School to develop a government education program or co-op learning.

Mayor Walker announced it was time for public comment.

- There were no public comments

There being no further business before Council, the meeting was then adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk