**OCTOBER 26, 2019**

**CITY OF SENOIA**

**CALLED MEETING**

**BUDGET WORKSESSION**

**505 HOWARD ROAD**

**8:00 AM**

**STAFF PRESENT: Harold Simmons, Debby Volk, Jason Edens, Curtis Hindman and Dina Rimi**

**COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Fisher, Councilman Grover, Councilman Pearman and Councilman Reeder**

**COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Eichorst**

1. **WELCOME VISITORS/CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fisher welcomed those in attendance and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Fisher then declared this to be an open meeting duty convened under the Open Meetings Law after receiving confirmation from the City Clerk that all legal requirements have been met.

1. **PURPOSE OF CALLED MEETING**
2. **To Review Proposed FY 2020 Operating Budget-All Funds**

City Manager Harold Simmons presented the proposed balanced 2020 FY Operating Budget for all funds and highlighted some of the major expenses to include an increase in the Police Department starting salary, new equipment for Public Works, a complete change out of water valves citywide and a GIS system. Councilman Pearman asked when everything levels off if Mr. Simmons anticipates raising or not raising the millage rate. Mr. Simmons stated that the City is planning to add a finance director mid-year in 2020 and the first request will be to give us a 5-year plan, which should provide the answer. Councilman Reeder asked if the valve replacement expense is included in the proposed and was told some of it, as it will take a few years to accomplish. Mr. Simmons stated that all items discussed at the retreat have been handled and all departments were involved resulting in a balanced budget. A public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, November 4th to present to the Public. Mayor Fisher thanked Mr. Simmons and staff both for their work at the retreat and the worksession.

1. ADJOURN

Councilman Grover made motion to adjourn and was 2nd by Councilman Pearman. Motion carried unanimously.

 Respectfully submitted,

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Jeffrey B. Fisher, Mayor Debra J. Volk, City Clerk