

City of Forada

Special 2022 Tax Levy Budget Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021

I. Call to order:

Mayor David Reller called to order the special meeting of the City of Forada at 6:00 pm at City Hall. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll call:

The following were present: Jo Kluver David Reller, Scott Erickson, Bob Verkinderen, and Mitch Critz.

III. Reason for the Special Meeting:

Set the Tax Levy Budget for the year 2022 and Fire Department PERA.

The council reviewed the Fire Department PERA reports that showed current pension level of \$1,800, overall funding balance for current calendar year at \$301,442, and funding ratio of 154%. Also, reports showed a projected assets ending on 12/31/2021 of \$861,182. Discussion was held by council on the fire department's request to raise the benefit level by \$100 or \$200. Council reviewed similar size volunteer fire departments benefit levels and found Forada's to be in the top 10%. The fire department's increases to their retirement over the last 10 years was also discussed. Jo informed council that 15% of the fire department's maintenance contracts with Forada, Hudson and Lake Mary Townships is paid to PERA along with the 2% State Aid Fund. As with any state aid – this is never a guarantee that it will be around year to year. There was also discussion addressing concern that there maybe current fire department members only staying on the fire department waiting for an increase and that was the main reason for the increase request.

Jo motioned to increase the PERA for \$1,900.00. Scott 2nd the motion. Further discussion was held. Mayor asked for a final vote – All were in favor. Motion passed 5 to 0. Jo will submit form to PERA with the increase of \$1,900 and will take effect on January 1, 2022.

The council went over the budget line by line as presented by Jo. Discussion was held on each budget item to see if it should remain, increase, or decrease based off current and projected expenditures. See attached budget for complete itemization.

The increased and decreased items created an overall increase of \$5,065.00 to the budget or 4.0%. See attached budget for a complete itemization.

2022 Wastewater Budget will be reviewed after council receives ALASD's rates for 2022.

IV. Adjournment

Mayor David Reller adjourned the meeting at 6:58 after Mitch motioned to adjourn and Scott 2nd.

Minutes submitted by:


City Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor