

**CITY OF NISSWA
MINUTES – CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019
6:00 P.M. – CITY HALL**

Members Present: Jacobson, Johnson, Ryan

Members Absent: Hoff, Heidmann

Also Present: City Staff Jenny Max

There was no one in the audience.

- A. Call to Order – Acting Mayor Ryan called the Council workshop to order at 6:02 P.M.
- B. Update Regarding the Hwy 371/CSAH 13/77 Intersection Project – Max provided an update on the CSAH 13 project and noted that there are a few outstanding items remaining involving the City. Max asked for Council approval to construct the trail during the road reconstruction, which would be handled by the County. Jacobson clarified if the construction of the trail along CSAH 13 would mean that the trail would be completely finished in this area; Max replied yes, the trail would be a detached trail from the intersection signal at Highway 371 heading east on CSAH 13 until after the first curve. After that, the detached trail will merge with the shoulder and will be along a widened shoulder continuing east to the City’s border with Lake Edward Township. The widened shoulder will be included in the 2021 project the County has scheduled. The Council asked for the approval to construct the detached trail to be placed on the next regular Council agenda for formal approval.

Max also asked the Council for input as to when they are ready to give municipal consent for the project. Max noted that the Highway Department will be presenting an updated cost sharing policy to the County Board but that likely won’t happen until after the August Council meeting. It was the consensus of the Council to hold off on giving municipal consent for the Intersection project until after a revised cost sharing policy is approved by the County Board and the City will then know it’s share of the final costs for the project.

- C. Preliminary 2020 Budget Discussion – Max provided a preliminary 2020 budget for Council review. Overall the General Fund budget increase for this first draft is 6.42%. Max explained her preliminary recommendation for cost of living increases (1%) and health insurance premium employer contribution increases (5% increase from the current amounts of \$745 for single and \$1,150 for family). Max also requested Council direction on the 2020 squad purchase. The costs of Ford’s are continuing to increase and it may be time to look at purchasing a Dodge or Chevy. The Council directed Chief Taylor to gather the cost information for each Ford, Dodge and Chevy and bring forward a recommendation. Johnson noted that his preference would be saving money over staying consistent with the brand of vehicle since the price difference seems to keep growing.

Max noted the next budget meeting will be August 21st at 5:30pm.

- D. Adjourn – Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the Council workshop at 7:07 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Heidmann, Mayor

Jenny Max, City Administrator/Clerk