CITY OF LAHARPE

SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia Carr Mayor, Ella Mae Crowell

Ron Knavel Code Officer, Penny Miller

Sharlyn Thompson City Clerk, Michelle Altis

Austin Lee Police Chief, Joe Stotler

 Call to order

Mayor Crowell called the special meeting to order at 7:00p.m. with 4 council members present. Danny Ware Jr. was absent.

Phil Jarred and Kyle Spielbusch, with Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips P.A., were present to go over the 2024 city budget. Phil mentioned the mill levy is not going up nor did the city exceed the revenue neutral rate. He stated the city is bringing in the same dollars as last year, so overall the budget looks good. He suggested the city look at the water fund and perhaps consider a rate increase, Mayor Crowell mentioned, we are in the process of trying to come up with something. Phil also pointed out the monthly transfers have been reduced a little to help the electric fund. Austin Lee stated, I don’t see no point in raising the mill levy at this time.

Mayor Crowell asked for a motion to approve the 2024 city budget. Austin Lee made the motion to approve the 2024 city budget as presented. Cynthia Carr seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Crowell requested an executive session on non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Joe Stotler invited. Austin Lee made the motion to go into an executive session on non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Joe Stotler invited. Sharlyn Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-0. After returning to regular session, Sharlyn Thompson made the motion to give Joe Stotler a raise of $1.50 per hour effective July 3, 2023. Austin Lee seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Sharlyn Thompson made the motion to adjourn. Cynthia Carr seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Adjourned at 7:55pm.

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 City Clerk Mayor