CITY OF LAHARPE

SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 3, 2024 AT 7:00PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

Ron Knavel Mayor, Ella Mae Crowell (arrived at 7:08pm)

Cynthia Carr City Clerk, Michelle Altis

Sharlyn Thompson

 Call to order

Sharlyn Thompson called the special meeting to order at 7:00p.m. with 2 council members present.

Danny Ware Jr was absent.

Kyle Spielbusch with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips was in attendance to present the audit and go over the 2025 city budget. Kyle stated, overall, the audit went well and there were no cash violations but there were a couple of budget violations in the general fund and sewer fund and that was a little more money was spent on projects then what was budgeted.

Kyle went over the 2025 budget and shared that Phil recommended the city assess the same number of mills as in 2024 and exceed the revenue neutral rate, by raising the mill levy to match 2024 will be adding an addition $8,500.00 to the general fund. Overall, the 2025 budget looks good but the city needs to look at the electric rates, stating the rates have not been raised since 2016 and costs have gone up in the past 8 years.

Mayor Crowell asked the council about raising the mill levy and exceeding the RNR, the council agreed that would be best. Mayor Crowell stated the water fund looks good but we will be doing water tower maintenance hopefully in 2025. Ron Knavel suggested Michelle look at electric rates around us and see where we are.

Sharlyn Thompson made the motion to adjourn. Cynthia Carr seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Adjourned at 8:12pm.

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 City Clerk Mayor