MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HARVEY PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY – DECEMBER 21, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Christopher J. Clark called the Public Hearing and Special meeting to order Monday - December 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by video conference

Mayor Clark asked City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula to call the roll of Council members. Present: Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski, Aldermen Marshun Tolbert, Quinton Crudup, Tracy Key, Tyrone Rogers and Mayor Christopher J. Clark.

Absent at roll call was Alderman Dominique Randle-El.

Invocation was by Alderman Tracy Key and Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Randle-El arrived at meeting 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Clark announced the Public Hearing.

Items 4a: The Annual Appropriations and 4b: The Tax Levy.

Mayor asked Corporation Counsel if they should be taken separate or together.

Corporation Counsel Krafthefer advised that they should be taken separate.

Mayor Clark asked if there were any public comments for item 4a-Annual Appropriation.

City Clerk Arambula stated that there were no public comments for the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

Mayor Clark asked if there were any public comments for item 4b-Tax Levy.

City Clerk Arambula stated that there were no public comments for the Tax Levy Ordinance.

Mayor Clark closed Public Hearing.

NEW BUISINESS:

Ordinance # 3415 - An Ordinance making appropriations for corporate purposes for the City of Harvey for the Fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.

Alderwoman Drewenski motioned that Council approve the Ordinance making Appropriations for corporate purposes for the City of Harvey for Fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Crudup.

Voting Aye: Alderman Crudup, Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Randle-El and Mayor Clark.

Voting Nay: Aldermen Key, Rogers and Tolbert.

Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance # 3416 - An Ordinance Levying Taxes in the City of Harvey, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30th, 2021.

Mayor Clark gave a brief power point presentation to the residents on the Tax Levy. He also mentioned the lawsuit from the Board of Trustees of Harvey Police Pension Fund vs. The City of Harvey, IL.

Mayor Clark stated that he wanted to raise the Police starting salary. He continued to say it was because of the need for more police officers and to pay them what they deserve to be paid. He mentioned it was also to be competitive so that we could get good police officers. When he attempted to raise the salary to be more competitive, the Union came in and said that they wanted him to raise all of their salaries also if he was going to raise the starting salary.

Mayor Clark told Council that they had to move forward together. He stated that the Police Pension and Fire Pension problem had happened prior to this Administration and as a result of this, now the City has to pay for this problem.

Alderwoman Drewenski motioned that Council approve Ordinance Levying Taxes in the City of Harvey, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Rogers, Crudup, Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Randle-El.

Voting Nay: Aldermen Key, and Tolbert.

Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT 2020:

City Treasurer Aisha Pickett reported that there was a correction to be made on the report. She had talked to the Comptroller and the correction would be made before it was published.

Alderman Crudup motioned that Council approve the 2020 Treasurer's Report with the amendment by the City Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Drewenski.

Voting Aye: Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Randle-El, Rogers, Key and Crudup Voting Nay: Alderman Tolbert.
Absent 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

City Clerk Arambula stated that there were no Public Comments received.

Ms. Kaleena Woodard made a Public comment at the Virtual meeting. She commented on the Mayor putting out an alert of when the City was having a Virtual meeting.

Mayor Clark mentioned that the Regular scheduled Council meeting for December 28, 2020 would be cancelled.

The City Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Time: 8:30 p.m.

Alderman Rogers made the motion to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Crudup.

Voting Aye: Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Crudup, Key, Randle El, and Rogers.

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Alderman Tolbert.