

## City of Lake Bronson Special Council Meeting Minutes

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**September 24, 2019**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor R. Rector called the meeting to order at 5 pm. Council members present were, P. Shablow, L. Kowaliuk, S. Strom and P. Matthew. City employees present were S. Lund and V. Lundberg . Public present was Kittson County Administrator E. Christensen.

**2020 Budget:** Kowaliuk asked Christensen how the railroad's decrease in property tax would affect the City. Christensen talked about the land values for railroads, utilities and pipelines are assessed by the state, unlike all other properties which are assessed locally. due to the legal challenges to the state's valuation process, the 2019 assessed values for state assessed properties saw some drastic changes. these changes are affecting the taxable market values and net tax capacities (the value of a property actually taxed) of properties in the county. what this means for local political subdivisions is that where the state assessed property values declined, local tax levies will be spread across less net tax capacity meaning the rest of the taxpayers will pick up the difference. the county cannot give local jurisdictions an exact number on what to expect because the state assessed values are still subject to appeal and won't be finalized until after October 1st.

Kowaliuk asked the clerk about wages on the water budget. The clerk said it was for both the clerk and the maintenance employees. The clerk also told Kowaliuk that the maintenance persons health insurance was on the previous budget. Kowaliuk asked about the need for safety equipment for OSHA. After some discussion, the council agreed to put \$2,000.00 towards safety equipment. Shablow made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to change the proposed budget to reflect the safety equipment being added. **M/S/P – Shablow/Kowaliuk/All.** Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to pass the final budget for 2020 for the City of Lake Bronson. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

Shablow she noticed that next meeting was on the agenda was scheduled for October 21, 2019 at 7 pm and she was wondering if anyone objected to moving the meeting to 5:30 pm. Kowaliuk said we should not be talking about this because it was not on the posting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Shablow made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 pm. **M/S/P – Shablow/Kowaliuk/All.**

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on October 21, 2019 at 7 pm.

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Sandra Lund, City Clerk