

MINUTES
WELD COUNTY COUNCIL
December 20, 2021

The Weld County Council met in regular session in full conformity with the Weld County Home Rule Charter at 6:30 p.m., Monday, December 20, 2021, at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 O Street, Greeley, CO.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by President James Welch. Councilmembers Nancy Teksten and Elijah Hatch were present, constituting a quorum of members. Councilmember Tonya L. Van Beber had an excused absence. Councilmember Rupert Parchment was also absent. Also present was Council Secretary Linda Kane.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA :

Councilmember Teksten made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Hatch and carried.

APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTATION:

Approval of November 15, 2021, Minutes

Councilmember Teksten made a motion to approve the November minutes, seconded by Councilmember Hatch, and the motion carried.

REVIEW PROGRAM:

Steve Moreno, County Commissioner

Mr. Moreno gave an overview of happenings in the county during 2021. The final budget for 2022 was adopted at \$375 million.

County employees were granted a 4 percent cost of living raise. An audit of tech positions, such as administrative assistants, showed those county employees in need of a raise to remain competitive, Mr. Moreno said. He said it's especially important to remain competitive in the work force, especially now after the Covid pandemic.

The county received a total of \$63 million in Covid relief funds. The county must determine by 2024 how those funds will be used.

The county has also seen a 39 percent reduction in oil and gas revenue. A huge expense facing the county will be the implementation of body worn cameras for law enforcement officers. Mr. Moreno said they anticipate that expense to be more than \$1 million.

The county is in the process of replacing its communications system used by dispatch. It's expected to be implemented by August.

Mr. Moreno explained the county has undergone staffing changes due to Covid, including having some employees work remotely, at least part-time. He said the workforce challenge has impacted not only the county, but also the private sector.

Infrastructure and transportation are always a priority for the county, Mr. Moreno said. He is especially proud the county is debt-free.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coordinator Reports/Councilman Reports

There were no councilman reports.

Bills

Councilmember Hatch made a motion to approve bills, it was seconded by Councilmember Teksten and carried. The bills were paid as follows:

- Weld County Phone Bill for November \$25.00

ADJOURNMENT:

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

January 17, 2022

Outgoing President, James Welch

Council Secretary, Linda Kane