


MINUTES
WELD COUNTY COUNCIL
June 21, 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, June 21, 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 Tonya L. Van Beber, Nancy Teksten, Elijah Hatch and Rupert Parchment were present, constituting a quorum of members. Also present was Council Secretary Linda Kane.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA :

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

APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTATION:

Approval of May 17, 2021, Minutes

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

REVIEW PROGRAM:

Don Warden, Director of Finance and Administration

Jennifer Oftelie, Budget Manager, will be assuming Don Warden's budget duties in 18 months. Ryan Rose, CIO/Director of Administration, will be replacing Don Warden in 18 months as the Director of Finance and Administration. Ms. Oftelie was also present at the meeting.

Mr. Warden stated Weld County is one of the few counties in the nation that is debt-free, with no sales tax. The county has a fully funded retirement program.

As they put together the 2022 budget, Warden's team knew the impacts of oil and gas and Covid would be a factor. They estimated a 15-20 percent drop in funding.

Mr. Warden said the budget went from about \$14.9 billion to \$12.5 billion. But, his department has been prepared for a volatile industry.

The American Rescue Act allowed the county to collect \$18 million in federal funding used to mitigate the impact of Covid.

Mr. Warden said the jail needs to plan for expansion about every five to ten years, something they also plan into the budget process.

He said the county has a healthy balance of funds of about \$400 million. \$100 million of that is reserve funding; \$120 million is allocated to public works for infrastructure; \$35 million is in the general fund; \$68 million is in the Weld trust; and about \$36 million is used for capital expenditures.

The budget goals for 2022 include:

- 1) Ensuring long term financial viability
- 2) Maintaining critical services
- 3) Examining value and effectiveness of all programs
- 4) Supporting community economic recovery

See Addendum 1. Information is also available on the county web site at www.weldgov.com.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coordinator Reports/Councilman Reports

Councilmember Welch said he registered a vehicle and noted the efficiency of the County Clerk's new office and reservation system.

Bills

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

- Weld County Phone Bill for May \$25.06

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

ADJOURNMENT:

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Edited September 20, 2021

Council President, James Welch

Council Secretary, Linda Kane