

**CITY OF MELFORT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
February 14, 2022**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday February 14, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: COUNCIL: Deputy Mayor Terry, Chair; Mayor George, and Councillors Phillips, Enge, Mitchell, Muntain and Hoenmans.

STAFF: A. Homes, City Manager, S. Stewart Director of Protective Services, G. Gilmore, Director of Works and Utilities, S. Peterson, City Treasurer and M. Seymour, City Clerk.

1. 2022 BUDGET BALANCING OPTIONS

The City Treasurer presented balancing options for the 2022 general operations budget to address the \$277,161.00 deficit presented. Council was provided with comparable options and examples of how each option would affect commercial and residential properties. Options were presented as follows:

Option 1 was to increase the municipal mill rate to 10.77 mills, increase improved base tax by \$26 for RCMP services and increase vacant base by \$26 for RCMP Services. OR;

Option 2 was to increase municipal mill rate to 10.69 and increase improved base tax by \$40 for RCMP services and increase vacant base by \$35 for RCMP Services.

Administration recommends Option 2 with the addition of the removal of the multi-residential high-rise and auto dealership subclasses and include them both in the commercial class. Administration is also recommending increasing the agricultural subclass mill rate from 0.70 to 0.75 to better align with other classes.

The committee agrees to accepting all recommendations from administration as a strategy to balance the 2022 General Operating Budget.

Administration provided a visual fact sheet outlining the 2022 Operational and Capital Budgets for distribution once budget received approval, Council noted that the visual document was very well done and provides a good overview of the city's budgets however next year they would like to see a key included with the visual.

IN-CAMERA

A portion of this meeting was closed to the public due to the fact that the items on the agenda are included in the list of exemptions found in Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

2. MI DEVELOPMENTS SERVICING

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk