

## Village of Rapids City

December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss:

- An ordinance for referendum seeking a public advisory opinion on the question of shall the Village impose a 1% sales tax in the Village of Rapids City.

President Mire called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

Physically Present: Clark, Fiems, Schnieder, Fowler and Mire.

Telephonically Present: Robertson & Rankin

Absent: None.

Others:

Physically Present: Clerk Housenga

Telephonically Present: Jim Miller, Julie Wildermuth

President Mire opened Committee of the Whole meeting by addressing the question of if the board would wish to add a 1% sales tax taking the Village from a sales tax of 6.25% to 7.25% on goods and services sold within the Village to be added to the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Consolidated Election ballot. Mire and Housenga explained the process of adding the question to the ballot. Mire reviewed the amount of additional revenue that would have been received if the tax was imposed last year, which was \$34,542.88. A proposed ordinance was provided to all members for consideration. The proposed binding question states "Shall the Village impose a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailer's Occupation Tax and Non-Home rule Municipal Services Occupation Tax (commonly known as "municipal sales tax") at the rate of 1% for expenditure public infrastructure and for property tax relief in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Section 8-11-1.3 and 8-11-1.4 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCSn5/-11-1.3 and 65 ILCS 5/8-11.4?added Two typos were identified in the proposed ordinance.

Mire reviewed all infrastructure projects that will be coming to the Village in the future. Schnieder stated he is opposed to this type of tax increase and would like to investigate other funding options. Mire touched base that many of the grants available the Village would not qualify for as our community income is too high to qualify. Mire also stated the Village will be using the bid process more frequently for future projects and purchases. Several discussion points No public comment was provided. After much discussion Fiems motioned the approve the proposed ordinance with corrections to the typos found. Robertson seconded. Rankin, Fowler, Fiems, Robertson, Clark voted yes, Schnieder voted no. Motion passes 5-1.

With nothing further business to conduct Fiems motioned to adjourn this Committee of the Whole Meeting. Schnieder seconded. Motion passed, President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 6:30pm.

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Village Clerk