

MEETING MINUTES  
CLARA CITY  
CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION #2

Monday  
August 17, 2020  
4:00 PM

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CLARA CITY, MINNESOTA

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Council Members Present: Mayor Gary Nelson, Jeff Davids, Rhonda Pieper, Nathan Speiser

Council Members by phone: Vic Sparks

Staff present: Steve Jones (City Administrator), Julie Aalfs (City Clerk), Judy Gosseling (Finance Director), Kim Wood (Chief of Police), Travis Voss (Police Officer) and John Lynch (Police Officer)

Others Present: Sam Peterson (CC Herald)

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1. **Call to Order:** By Mayor Gary Nelson at 4:11 pm

*Note: This meeting is being officially recorded. Any and all commentary must be communicated through the microphones at the Council and Staff tables or through the microphone attached at the speaker's podium. Also, please silent all cell phones and do not use them during the meeting.*

2. **Additions/Deletions/Modifications to Agenda-- None**

3. **Budget Work Session- See attached the August 12, 2020 Budget Discussion Synopsis (revised)**

**Council Work Sessions:** A Council Work Session is an opportunity for the city council to meet with staff (or others so invited) to discuss specific topics of interest. It gives the council the chance for longer and

deeper discussions than are generally done at a regular city council meeting. It is not a public hearing, and unless planned in advance, it is not generally open for public input.

It is an Open Meeting, so anyone is allowed to be in attendance. In this case we will open the phone lines for people to listen in, but again, generally will not be taking any forms of testimony over the phone unless part of the planned discussion with staff members.

No motions will be made, nor will resolutions or ordinances be passed. The City Council can give general direction to staff to continue research or bring the topics discussed to a future council meeting for action.

*Discussion was held on all parts of the budget but mainly the two areas of concern, the Assisted Living and Police Department. The consensus was to not make any major changes at this time regarding these issues and to direct staff to prepare budget reports with a possible 12% tax levy. More discussion will be held at the Regular City Council meeting September 9, 2020.*

3. **Announcements**—*No action is required.*

(A) The next regular City Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday**  
**September 8, 2020, 6:30 pm.**

4. **Adjournment** by Mayor Gary Nelson at 5:15 pm