

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING / SPECIAL MEETING  
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES  
February 20, 2023**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Public Hearing / Special Meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by **President Gloria Burr**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Moore, Rasmussen, Burr**. Also present: **Justin Lakamper** – Village Manager, **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Green** moved to approve the agenda as written. Supported by **Colburn**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

**President Burr closed the special meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.**

5. **PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET**
  - A. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
  - B. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.
  - C. **ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion by **Moore** to adjourn the public hearing. Supported by **Rasmussen**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**President Burr closed the public hearing and re-opened the special meeting at 7:04 p.m.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **RESOLUTION TO HALT AUTOMATIC INCREASE TO WATER AND SEWER RATES:** **Guild** asked if we continue to halt the automatic CPI every year, are we going to have to make it up in a later year. **Lakamper** explained that yes, you always would be playing catch up. We should have a better understanding of our rates when the Asset Management Plan comes in. **Drain** added that the Village ran in the 'red' for many, many years in the past and now we have been running in the 'black'. We are okay to halt the increase this year, but eventually would have to let it happen to stay in the 'black'. She stated her only concern is the depreciation that the auditor takes care of, but also stated that the budget can always be adjusted later. Some discussion ensued on how the CPI worked and raising rates different ways. Residents are currently charged \$83.04 per quarter, or \$332.16 annually, for water. They are also charged \$108.12 per quarter, or \$432.48 annually, for sewer. Motion by **Rasmussen** to approve the resolution to halt water and sewer rate increases for FY 2023-2024. Supported by **Green**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Moore, Rasmussen, Burr MOTION PASSED 7-0**
  - B. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:** **Lakamper** reported the notable changes. **Revenue:** In all funds but the water fund, revenue has been greater than we budgeted. The reason the water fund is off by approximately \$30,000 is due to moving to quarterly billing. The revenue from January and February will not be collected until April, therefore we are currently lower than projected, however once that revenue is collected and adjusted in our audit report, we will have an increase in revenue like the other funds. **Expenditures:** In all funds but the

General, DDA, and Equipment Fund, expenditures were lower than originally budgeted. The General Fund had large increases in revenue, and we made the decision to transfer the cost of the tractor repair from the General Fund to the Equipment Fund, which accounts for most of this increased expenditure in the General Fund. The increase in expenditures from the DDA is a result of them buying planter boxes for downtown. The Equipment Fund will end with a \$15,381 deficit this year, due to several factors, namely the price of the DPW pickup increased approximately \$16,000 and we did not sell any of the equipment that we were going to sell once the pickup was purchased this budget year. **Green** moved to accept the budget adjustments as shown. Supported by **Rasmussen**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Moore, Rasmussen, Burr MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**C. BUDGET RESOLUTION:** **Lakamper** reported the budget resolution for the 2023-2024 fiscal year includes the same figures as were discussed at the budget workshop. In the proposed budget, all funds balance. **Drain** pointed out the very last line has the wrong year, and it should read 2024. Motion by **Colburn** to accept the budget with the correction of the final line to read, Projected Fund Balance for 2/28/24. Supported by **Moore**. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Moore, Rasmussen, Burr MOTION PASSED 7-0**

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** The board thanked Lakamper for a good job on the budget. It's easier to read and easier to understand.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by **Rasmussen** to adjourn. Supported by **Green**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

**President Burr** adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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**Village President**

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**Village Clerk**

**Approved for Publication**

**NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2023**