

July 02, 2019
City Commission Room, 701 N. Jefferson, Junction City KS 66441

Mayor Pat Landes
Vice Mayor Jeff Underhill
Commissioner Phyllis Fitzgerald
Commissioner Tim Brown
Commissioner Nicholas Allbritton
City Manager Allen Dinkel
City Attorney Britain Stites
City Clerk Tammy Melton
Finance Director Lindsay Miller

1. **6:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER:**

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**

[a.](#) Discuss 2020 Budget.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Item Attachment Documents:

- a. Discuss 2020 Budget.

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Date: June 27, 2020
To: City Commissioners
From: Allen Dinkel, City Manager
RE: 2020 Budget Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 2

Lindsay, with a little help from me, continues to work on the 2020 budget. Our goal remains to maintain the mill levy at the same rate as we funded the 2019 budget. What is helpful is that the City staff has maintained the sound financial practices that were put in place during the worst part of the financial crisis. The ability to grow cash reserves in recent year gives is a definite advantage as we attempt to balance needs with the finances that are available.

At this time it is “still a work in progress”. We will continue to refine the budget and review adjustments on Tuesday. If needed we can have another work session to finalize the budget before the July 16 City Commission meeting.

I do have some concerns about the County Budget. At this point they are well above the tax lid and on Monday they will decide if they need to hold an in August to receive voter approval to exceed the tax lid. The concerning issue is that over 75 percent of the County taxes are paid by owners of property within the City limits of the City of Junction City. Any sizeable tax increase is devastating to encouraging people to move here or businesses to establish here. It is not my job to advise the County how to operate, but it does affect the City as well. Of course the City gets the blame for any tax increase even though we did not cause it.

Again, on the City side, we have a goal of keeping the “budget box” the same size and working within it.