OCTOBER 23, 2012

Special Budget meeting was called to order by Mayor Meyer at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick-Goodwin (arrived at 5:04 p.m.), Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Russell Stauber, Gary Cummings, John Spiros, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler

ABSENT: Robert Workinger

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

City Administrator Barg said that there is no projected change in the staffing levels over 2012.

Mayor Meyer turned the chair over to Alderperson Spiros, Chairperson of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee.

City Administrator Barg presented the highlights of the proposed 2013 Budget:

- 1% decrease in the General Fund expenditures to $20,790,867.
- Maintains the same tax rate of $8.95 per $1,000 of assessed value.
- Conforms to all Council parameters (debt, fund balance, etc.)
- Personnel Management
    - No change in staffing levels
    - Funds equal to a 1% pay raise for all non-represented staff
    - Staffing Study
- Capital Improvement Plan Items
- Changes in how the economic development budget was prepared.

The Council reviewed the following budgets:

1. UW Marshfield/Wood County
2. Municipal Court
3. Upham Mansion
4. Cemetery
5. Communication; Cable TV
6. Economic Development; Planning and Economic Development, Economic Development Fund, Business Improvement District, Industrial Park Authority and Residential Rehabilitation

CC12-214 Motion by Wagner, second by Buttke to reduce the Main Street budget from $26,400 to $16,400 and move the $10,000 into the Façade Rehabilitation Program budget. Nay–1 (Cummings)
Motion carried

Alderperson Wagner asked for a list of the last 2 years of expenses for MEDA to be made available to the Common Council before the budget is finalized. .

7. Transportation; Taxi and Airport
8. General Government; Mayor, Common Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk, Finance, Technology, Assessor, Various Non-Departmental Budgets and Community Committees

9. Quality of Life; Parks & Recreation, Library, Aging/Senior Center, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Dairyfest and Celebrations & Entertainment
10. Public Safety; Police, Fire & Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management and Public Safety Funds
11. Public Works; Administration, Engineering, Street Division, Building Services, Wastewater Utility and Vehicle & Equipment Internal Service Fund
12. Capital Projects

The next budget session will be held on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Buttke, second by Stauber to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.
Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk