

NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Meyer at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick, Chris Jockheck, Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Tom Witzel, Jason Zaleski, Rebecca Spiros, Tom Buttke and Peter Hendler.

EXCUSED: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

No items were added to the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Travis Sherden, 1130 W. Blodgett Street. He spoke about the health insurance. He was encouraged last year by some ensurances that the City would be more proactive in their efforts to meet and find better solutions to reduce costs besides continued benefit loss. It is reasonable for the City and employee to equally have to burden some of those losses. Over the last few years it feels like the burden has been much more heavily yoked on the employee. He as well as other employees would like to be a part of finding a solution to do things better and find different ways to reduce the cost instead of just cutting benefits. He asked the Council to consider a reasonable reduction of the employees share of premiums or continue the employer share of the HSA contribution from this year.

Michael Topness, 807 Roberts Street, Spencer, WI, representing the Police Union. He as well as other employees are happy with Security Health. Security Health Plan has been substantially better than WEA. The City needs to be more proactive and get employees involved. Consider some type of reduction and keep the HSA contribution where it currently is instead of reducing it.

CC16-231 Motion by Feddick, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of November 1, 2016 as read by the Clerk.

Motion carried

CC16-232 Motion by Zaleski, second by Hendler to approve agreements for employee health insurance with Security Health Plan, Inc. for calendar year 2017, with 2 plan designs (traditional & HSA). Ayes - 10

Motion carried

CC16-233 Motion by Wagner, second by Buttke to approve a City contribution of \$600 single/\$1200 family toward employee HSA accounts in calendar year 2017. Ayes – 8; Nays – 2 (Feddick, Jockheck)

Motion carried

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

City Administrator Barg presented a recommended change to the 2017 budget. Reduce the Vehicle & Equipment Fund 701 by removing the ¾ ton pickup truck in the amount of \$40,000.

Finance Director Strey spoke about the Expenditure Restraint Program. They started with a budget that was at \$14,000 away from the edge of not complying. That is tighter than they have done in all of the years he has been with the City. Generally they have tried to keep it at \$25,000 - \$30,000 because of the variances that can happen at the last minute. After the last budget meeting the City

currently is at \$1,211 over the ERP limit. He recommended reducing the Fund Balance Applied for 2017 to \$438,490 and the General Fund Contingency to \$105,000.

CC16-234 Motion by Earll, second by Hendler to direct the Economic Development Board to work with the Business Development Director to implement the written report as found on page 14 of the Economic Development Action Plan. Ayes – 9; Nay – 1 (Jockheck)

Motion carried

CC16-235 Motion by Zaleski, second by Spiros to reduce the \$1,000,000 budgeted for the Community Center Project to \$800,000. Ayes – 5 (Wagner, Zaleski, Spiros, Buttke, Hendler); Nays – 5 (Feirer, Feddick, Jockheck, Earll, Witzel)

Motion failed

CC16-236 Motion by Buttke, second by Wagner to reduce the recommended Vehicle/Equipment purchase in the 701 fund by removing the ¾ ton pickup truck purchase in the amount of \$40,000. Ayes – 10

Motion carried

CC16-237 Motion by Jockheck, second by Wagner to reduce Fund Balance Applied for 2017 to \$438,490 and the General Fund Contingency to \$105,000. Ayes – 10

Motion carried

CC16-238 Motion by Wagner, second by Witzel to reduce the amount earmarked for the drug court from \$22,000 to \$12,000. Ayes – 1 (Wagner); Nays - 9

Motion failed

CC16-239 Motion by Zaleski, second by Jockheck to authorize bringing the revised budget forward for a public hearing. Ayes – 10

Motion carried

CC16-240 Motion by Zaleski, second by Witzel to approve Resolution No. 2016-58, approving an increase in Committed Fund Balance classifications in the amount of \$200,000 for snow and ice removal operations. Ayes – 9; Nay – 1 (Feddick)

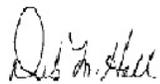
Motion carried

CC16-241 Motion by Wagner, second by Earll to set the date/time for the public hearing on the 2017 Budget & Tax Levy for Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried

Mayor Meyer sent the City's condolences to former Mayor Mike Meyers and his family on the passing of his mom, Greta Meyers.

Motion by Witzel, second by Spiros to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.



Deb M. Hall
City Clerk