

OCTOBER 25, 2016

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, Chris Jockheck (arrived at 5:24 p.m.), Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Tom Witzel, Jason Zaleski, Rebecca Spiros, Tom Buttke and Peter Hendler.

ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

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

The Council reviewed the following budget:

1. Cable TV

City Administrator Barg updated the Council on the questions/issues that were raised at the last budget meeting.

- Cost of operations for the new community center. In the 2017 budget an amount of \$55,000 was budgeted for a 6-month period to cover the basics (heat, lights, etc). In addition to that a cost of approximately \$3,000 would be needed for a cleaning service.

Alderperson Jockheck joined the meeting.

Administrator Barg also said that the City is receiving \$52,000 more in General Transportation Aid from the State of Wisconsin. He also advised everyone that the Industrial Park Authority budget in the amount of \$6,000 was inadvertently omitted so that would leave \$46,000.

Finance Director Strey said that when the recommended budget was put together they were using the best estimates available at that point in time as far as the Expenditure Restraint Program. Since then the CPI has been updated and it came in lower than what was projected. When the budget was presented they had roughly a \$50,000 buffer with Expenditure Restraint. With the revised number the City now has \$14,200 to play with. What that means as far as the General Transportation & Connecting Highway Aids that came in \$52,000 higher, the City has additional revenue but we can't use it if you want to receive the \$400,000 in 2018 and qualify for the Expenditure Restraint Program. If you add back in the \$6,000 that was inadvertently omitted the City has roughly \$8,000 leeway under expenditure restraint.

Alderperson Hendler spoke about the feeding frenzy at the end of the year. He would like to see if there is money left in the budgets at the end of the year that it is put back in the general fund.

Alderperson Buttke would like to see the money that was put into the contingency fund for the proposed part-time position in the Clerk's office, in case the Finance Committee decides to fund that position, be put in the Clerk's budget. He doesn't like to up the contingency fund just in case they decide to do that, let's just do it. He also spoke about the budget for Dairyfest - \$12,000; Palm Sunday concerts - \$750; Civic Band - \$4,800; the license for the music - \$690; and Upham Mansion - \$7,500. Isn't this an opportunity for the Convention and Visitors Bureau to take this on?

Staff will have some discussions with them before next year.

Aldersperson Spiros also questioned the budgets for Palm Sunday, etc. City Administrator Barg explained that these are small grants issued by the City. She couldn't find the Heroin Project in the budget. The Heroin Project was not budgeted in 2017 because the monies that were allocated in 2016 will carry them through 2017. What was done with the budget as far as anticipating Emerald Ash Bore? Street Superintendent said that they purchased all of the equipment to do the treating themselves and all of the removals of the terrace trees have been completed this year. All they have to purchase now is the triage for \$580 which treats about 25 trees. The removal is done but every year they have to treat 50 trees.

Aldersperson Zaleski talked about the lack of communication from the City. Let's keep an eye on a communication plan. He encouraged everyone to attend the next budget meeting.

Aldersperson Witzel said that there is a perception by some in the community that the increase in the tax rate is due to the failed street referendum. It is important for the City to get the communication out to the public that the City is not raising taxes because the street referendum failed but the increase in tax has to do with operations.

Aldersperson Wagner spoke about the drug courts.

CC16-215 Motion by Wagner, second by Witzel to approve subsidizing the drug testing in Marshfield in the amount of \$7,000 and contribute up to \$15,000 towards the reimbursement of the medication costs for a total amount of \$22,000.

CC16-216 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to amend the main motion to earmark \$22,000 in the Contingency Fund for this program. Ayes – 7; Nays – 3 (Earll, Zaleski, Spiros)

Motion carried

Vote on motion **CC16-215 as amended**. Ayes – 10

Motion carried

Aldersperson Earll questioned the Economic Development budget. There is line item for \$73,000 to MACCI. \$53,000 is for the employee and \$20,000 is for supplies. The money doesn't come out of taxes but paid for by the Utility Dividend. But he would like to know how they measure the value of this person and what they are doing? Jason Angell responded that quarterly reports are provided both by Main Street Marshfield and MACCI. Monthly reports are also given verbally by all staff to the Economic Development Board. It is a well worth investment for this community.

Aldersperson Jockheck thanked the staff for putting together a good budget.

Aldersperson Feddick is concerned about the Downtown Community Square Project; Community Center Remodel; the high use of the General/Undesignated Fund Balance; and the Debt Limit.

CC16-217 Motion by Zaleski, second by Jockheck to put the \$6,000 back in the budget for Industrial Park Operations from the revenue received from the General Transportation & Connecting Highway Aids. Ayes – 10

Motion carried

CC16-218 Motion by Feirer, second by Witzel to reduce the Budgeted Fund Balance Applied for 2017 by \$46,510. Ayes – 10

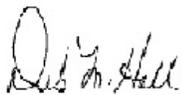
Motion carried

The Council was directed to notify staff before the next meeting if there were any other changes that they wanted made to the proposed budget.

The next budget session will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. or immediately following the Board of Public Works meeting.

Motion by Witzel, second by Buttke to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Motion carried



Deb M. Hall
City Clerk