

OCTOBER 20, 2014

Special Budget meeting 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, Char Smith, Gary Cummings, Rebecca Spiros, Tom Buttke and Peter Hendler

ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

CC14-224 Motion by Feirer, second by Hendler to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, chapter 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically the City Administrator had requested a closed session to discuss the negotiation of terms of a potential donation to the public library project. Roll call vote, all ayes. (Time: 6:03 p.m.)

Motion carried

Present in closed session: Alderperson Feirer, Feddick, Jockheck, Earll, Wagner, Smith, Cummings, Spiros, Buttke and Hendler, Mayor Meyer, City Administrator Barg, Finance Director Strey, City Clerk Hall, Library Director Belongia, Public Works Director Knoeck and Planning & Economic Development Director Angell.

CC14-225 Motion by Spiros, second by Wagner to return to open session. Roll call vote, all ayes. (Time: 7:08 p.m.)

Motion carried

No action was taken on the closed session item.

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

The Council reviewed the following budgets:

1. Public Works; Administration, Engineering, Street Division, Building Services, Wastewater Utility and Vehicle & Equipment Internal Service Fund
2. Capital Projects

City Administrator Barg said that there were no updates on state funding. Nothing has changed. At the last budget meeting health insurance was discussed specifically about the 7% increase and whether or not the City is contributing to any portion of that premium increase. Council seemed to support at least some contribution towards that 7%. At staff level they have been looking at what 2% would buy them to help mitigate the insurance increase. Would that get them reductions in the premium share for staff, would it get them changes to the design plan that would be better than the one being proposed as far as some of the increases in co-pays, deductibles, would they put it all on wages to help offset some of this. So there are some options. The dollar amount would be approximately \$55,000 - \$60,000 to make it work, to give employees some relief. There was no opposition from the Council.

He also spoke about the Assessor's Department. The Deputy Assessor will be retiring at the end of this month. The Assessor has recommended not filling that position and changing the .6 FTE to a full time position. That would save the City around \$50,000 - \$60,000.

CC14-226 Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to remove the \$5,121 from the 205 Fund Economic Development and transfer it to the 101 General Fund Finance budget and fund it through the contingency fund. Ayes - 10

Motion carried

Aldersperson Jockheck left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

No change in the budget regarding the MACCI Business Development Director position.

CC14-227 Motion by Feddick, second by Hendler to direct staff to find some source(s) of revenue for the Heroin Task Force donation or portion of it. Ayes - 9

Motion carried

CC14-228 Motion by Earll, second by Wagner to direct staff to work with the Marshfield Area Pet Shelter to come forward and present some options to the Common Council for consideration in the 2016 budget and remove the \$250,000 from the 2015 Ordinance Budget. Ayes - 9

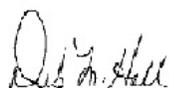
Motion carried

No other changes were recommended for the 2015 Budget.

The next budget session will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Spiros, second by Smith to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Motion carried



Deb M. Hall
City Clerk