

NOVEMBER 1, 2005

Special Budget meeting was called to order by Mayor Meyers at 6:23 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick, Gerald Nelson, Marty Anderson, Jerry Bennington, Sr., Chris Meyer, Donald Krueger, John Spiros, Tom Buttke, and Edward Beaudry, Jr.

ABSENT: None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Chairperson Bennington of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee assumed the chair.

CC05-371 Motion by Buttke, second by Feirer to reduce the Library Budget (101.55110) by \$16,000 with the recommendation that it is taken from wages and salaries, object no. 5111. Anderson, Bennington, Meyer and Beaudry voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

CC05-372 Motion by Spiros, second by Anderson to reduce the Parades, Holidays and Signs budget (101.55342) by \$13,257. Bennington, Meyer, Krueger and Beaudry voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

Aldersperson Spiros suggested that the City work with the School District in obtaining some financial support from them to help pay for the Liaison Officers or possibly the schools could hire their own private security people.

CC05-373 Motion by Krueger, second by Spiros to reduce the City Garage Budget for 2006 summer seasonal staff to \$21,616 (includes benefits). This would be a reduction of \$48,537. Bennington, Meyer and Beaudry voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

Aldersperson Nelson said that the City should develop a productivity chart so that you know that production equals the time worked. Productivity is a very useful and efficient tool.

CC05-374 Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to move the 11th Street Project (Adams Avenue to Lincoln Avenue) from the 2007 budget year to the 2006 budget year using funds from the Vine Avenue Storm Sewer Trunk (57346) project, SW-G-6717 and change this project to a two-phase project with a portion being completed in 2006 and the remainder in 2007. Nelson abstained, rest Aye.

Motion carried

Aldersperson Nelson abstained because he felt that both projects were important and he couldn't vote on one and not the other.

CC05-375 Motion by Nelson, second by Krueger to reduce the street lighting (101.53420) on Veteran's Avenue to the capacity we are allowed to and request that the Marshfield Utility absorb 10% of the increase in the PCAC.

Director of Public Works Knoeck explained that they may have certain obligations to the DOT because they participated in the cost of some of those lights on Veterans Parkway and the new Hwy 13 that is going up now. The City may be obligated to operate those lights as designed but he needs to follow up with the DOT before he can confirm this.

Administrator Brehm suggested that between now and when the budget is adopted on November 22nd, they will check with the DOT as to what the City can and can not do with the street lights. They will also talk to the officials from the Utility to see what the City's options are with the PCAC. This evening it would be very hard to determine what the cost impact is because we don't know what can be done yet.

Krueger withdrew his second.

Motion died for lack of a second.

CC05-000 Motion by Feddick to change recycling to every other week.

Street Superintendent Panzer explained that the City's current Refuse and Recycling contract with Onyx is good through 2009. It is an eight year contract. This issue came up last year with the Board of Public Works. They did have some discussions with Onyx at that time and there was no substantial cost savings that could have been gotten by going to every other week recycling.

Aldersperson Feddick withdrew her motion.

CC05-376 Motion by Feddick, second by Spiros to reduce the Parking Facilities budget (101.53450) by \$12,891. Bennington and Beaudry voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

CC05-377 Motion by Feddick to cut one of the Engineering positions in the amount of approximately \$55,000.

Motion died for lack of a second

CC05-378 Motion by Feirer, second by Anderson to delete the EOI Laborer position from the City Street Division budget in the amount of \$59,490. Beaudry voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

City Administrator Brehm recommended some amendments to the 2006 recommended budget. These changes include adjustments for natural gas (heating), adjustments to the contract with Onyx for the refuse and garbage recycling services, health insurance, and the city's share of start-up costs for the county-wide dispatch center and revised estimates from the state on various aids. Recommended changes are:

Expenditures:

101.52601..5290	\$ 9,000
101.53640..5290	\$13,325
101.53692..5290	\$13,324
101.51510..5154	\$10,000

Natural Gas (Heating) – Object #5226:
101:

51620	\$ 4,928
51640	\$ 1,020
52110	\$ 2,068
52210	\$ 2,148
52601	\$ 132
53510	\$ 578
53511	\$ 409
54910	\$ 412
55110	\$ 1,681
55150	\$ 2,694
55210	\$ 696
55210.2710	\$ 288
55210.2711	\$ 89
55210.2712	\$ 1,073
55327	\$ 1,472
55410	\$ 776
55420.2720	\$ 1,838
55480	\$ 648
55480.2701	\$ 265
601.53638.0100	\$ 2,136*
605.52310	\$ 1,432*
701.53230	\$ 5,673*
TOTAL	\$78,105

*No impact on tax levy

Revenues:

101.43000..43531	\$34,168
101.43000..43533	(\$ 705)
101.41000..41110	(\$ 600)
TOTAL	\$32,863

CC05-379 Motion by Krueger, second by Nelson to approve the recommended changes from the City Administrator. This would increase the tax levy by \$34,801. Anderson voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

CC05-380 Motion by Buttke, second by Anderson to have a hiring freeze in the Street Department until two more positions are deleted through attrition. Bennington and Beaudry voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

Recessed at 7:59 p.m.

Reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

Administrator Brehm summarized the outcome of the actions taken by the Council at this meeting. The net decrease in the total budget was approximately \$72,070. The decrease in the levy was \$107,100. The new tax rate based upon final assessed valuations is \$9.90. Last year's tax rate for city purposes was \$9.73 which is an increase of 17¢.

CC05-381 Motion by Meyer, second by Krueger to set the date of November 22, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. for the public hearing on the 2006 City budget and authorize the Finance Director to publish the notice of hearing and the proposed 2006 budget, incorporating any previous budget actions of the Common Council. All Ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Feddick, second by Spiros to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk