

NOVEMBER 22, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING: Called to order by Mayor Meyers at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza regarding the proposed 2006 Budget.

COMMENTS:

- William Penker of 600 S. Sycamore Avenue. The City needs to have a vision for the near term and the future. He suggested that the Council vote for a budget that is more progressive than the one that came out of the last meeting and than start determining the true wants and needs of the community.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the \$16,000 cut in the Library's budget. They requested the Council add that money back into the budget.

- Steve Coy of 1225 E. 20th Street and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Marshfield Public Library.
- William Summers of 108 W. Arnold Street.
- Alden Carter of 1113 W. Onstad Street.
- Pat Saucerman of M325 Felton Lane and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Marshfield Public Library.
- Brian Finnegan of 1226 E. 20th Street.

The public hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

Regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Meyers at 7:04 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Marty Anderson, Jerry Bennington, Sr., Chris Meyer, Donald Krueger, John Spiros, Tom Buttke, and Edward Beaudry, Jr.

ABSENT: Gerald Nelson

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

Invocation was given by Rev. Charles Stoetzel, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAYOR

Word to the Wise: When we are confident, all we need is a little support. Author: Andre Laurendeau

CC05-396 Motion by Bennington, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2005 meeting. All Ayes

Motion carried

There were no items added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CC05-397 Motion by Anderson, second by Feddick to receive and place on file the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals of October 11, 2005; Fairgrounds Commission of October 20, 2005; Special Zoning Board of Appeals of November 1, 2005 and the Marshfield Utility Commission of November 14, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

CC05-398 Motion by Feirer, second by Bennington to approve the minutes of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of November 9, 2005 and Plan Commission of November 15, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

CC05-399 Motion by Feirer, second by Spiros to approve the minutes of the Committee on Aging of November 3, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC05-400 Motion by Buttke, second by Bennington to approve the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee of November 10, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC05-401 Motion by Meyer, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Airport Committee of November 17, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC05-402 Motion by Feirer, second by Meyer to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works of November 14, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

CC05-403 Motion by Anderson, second by Feddick to approve the minutes of the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee of November 15, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

CC05-404 Motion by Feddick, second by Bennington to receive and place on file the minutes of the Central Wisconsin State Fair Board of October 19, 2005. All Ayes

Motion carried

Second reading of Ordinance No. 1063, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Marshfield regarding Cable TV Committee membership.

CC05-405 Motion by Bennington, second by Buttke to approve Ordinance No. 1063. All Ayes

Motion carried

First reading of Ordinance No. 1064, attaching certain lands from the Town of Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin to the City of Marshfield, Wisconsin, (located on the east side of Galvin Avenue, north side of County Highway Y).

CC05-406 Motion by Buttke, second by Meyer to approve Resolution No. 2005-47, writing off various uncollectible non-ambulance accounts receivable totaling \$11,469.47. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-407 Motion by Bennington, second by Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2005-48, authorizing the execution of a contract between the City of Marshfield and Radio Cab of Marshfield, Inc. for the year 2006. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-408 Motion by Beaudry, second by Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2005-42, adopting a salary schedule for non-represented position classifications of the City of Marshfield effective January 1, 2006. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-409 Motion by Bennington, second by Beaudry to approve Resolution No. 2005-43, authorizing performance-based compensation adjustments for non-represented employees. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-410 Motion by Feddick, second by Buttke to approve Resolution No. 2005-44, adjusting the pay for temporary, seasonal and part-time positions effective January 1, 2006. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-411 Motion by Beaudry, second by Buttke to rescind Resolution No. 2005-45, compensation for Alderpersons and Resolution No. 2005-49, compensation for Mayor. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-412 Motion by Buttke, second by Krueger to reduce the Finance Department budget for health insurance (101.51510.0000.5154) by \$10,000. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-413 Motion by Bennington, second by Spiros to increase the Recreation Program Revenue budget (101.46000.0000.46738) by \$2,865. All Ayes
Motion carried

CC05-414 Motion by Beaudry, second by Meyer to add \$16,000 back into the Library Budget (101.55110).

Alderperson Buttke said that the City of Marshfield does have a good library and staff. He gave an explanation on how this library reduction came about. He asked the Library Director to look at possibly opening an hour later or some other scenario that would involve changing the library hours. He never did receive that information but instead the Council received a letter from the Library Board stating that if this money was cut that the Board would close the Library 10-14 days to get this \$16,000. This is not what they proposed. They never had any intention of closing the library 10-14 days. He has always been a supporter for kids and adults alike whether it is education, recreation or whatever. This is in no way any attempt to harm any individual or cut services.

Aldersperson Anderson asked the Council how they can continue to support this \$16,000 cut when they just decreased the budget by \$10,000 and increased the projected revenue by about \$3,000 so in the end it is just about a wash. People use these services and they really enjoy them.

Aldersperson Meyer said that he is confused about where the need is to cut because they did not have a need. The Town of McMillan pays the City to use the Library and part of that equation is based on access to the Library. If we cut access, that funding would be reduced as well. He can't think of another service in Marshfield that gets more general use by a more diverse demographic than the Library. He supports restoring the funding to the Library.

Aldersperson Beaudry said that it is not a sin to raise taxes; the sin is to spend that tax dollar foolishly. This is one department in the City that has not spent tax dollars foolishly. In fact the Library has come to the Council with ideas on how to reduce staff hours. There is also a possibility of loss of revenue because of the budget cut. So he also supports restoring the funding to the Library.

Aldersperson Feddick is torn between raising taxes for those on fixed incomes and a quality of life issue.

Library Director Lori Belongia pointed out that the PSPC Survey showed that there should not be a reduction in staffing. The size of the staff is closely related to the hours of operation. A reduction in staff would result in a reduction in hours of operation. This is where they are at. They have been careful year after year and have come in with budgets very close to what was asked for and sometimes better. They are at the point where they have cut the Library budget down, eliminated maintenance contracts or whittled them down to something much less than they used to be. Taken materials and reduced them. There is nothing left other than important servers or library hours. Do we maintain the services of the Library or do we take them back from the community?

Vote on motion **CC05-414**; Feirer, Spiros and Buttke voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

Recessed at 8:35 p.m.

Reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

Finance Director Strey updated the Council on the final numbers. The 2006 adopted budget (excluding the Electric and Water Department) is \$34,612,755. The sum of \$10,966,035 (excludes an estimated TID levy of \$332,572) is the amount to be raised by taxation for City purposes and a tax rate of \$9.90503 per One Thousand Dollars of assessed valuation.

CC05-415 Motion by Krueger, second by Beaudry to approve Resolution No. 2005-50, determining and levying the amount to be raised by taxation for City purposes for the 2006 fiscal year. Feddick voted Naye, rest Aye.

Motion carried

Finance Director Strey presented the new tax bill to the Council and public.

CC05-416 Motion by Bennington, second by Beaudry 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 a Development Agreement in regard to TIF #8, redevelopment of Northway Mall area; and

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 a proposal from Marshfield Tower Hall Associates, LLC. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 8:50 p.m.)

Motion carried

Present in closed session: Alderpersons Feirer, Feddick, Anderson, Bennington, Meyer, Krueger, Spiros, Buttke and Beaudry, Mayor Meyers, Administrator Brehm, Attorney Hutchinson, Finance Director Strey, Director of Planning and Economic Development Miller, Director of Public Works Knoeck, City Engineer Turchi and City Clerk Hall.

CC05-417 Motion by Buttke, second by Krueger to return to open session. Roll call vote, all Ayes. (Time: 9:34 p.m.)

Motion carried

No action was taken in open session regarding the closed session items.

Motion by Feddick, second by Anderson to adjourn at 9:36 p.m.

Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk