

OCTOBER 29, 2007

Special Budget meeting was called to order by Mayor Meyers at 5:17 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Trish Siegler, Ed Wagner, Josh Hansen, Donald Krueger and Tom Buttke

ABSENT: Alanna Feddick, Tim Kraus, John Spiros and Pete Hendler

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Marilyn Hardacre of 512 Quentin Avenue explained how the Mayor's Breakfast was created. This event began in the late 70's. When she was Mayor she would go out to the farms in the area that were holding a dairy breakfast because she felt that it was important for the city to recognize these farmers and thank them for what they provide to our community and economy. In 1980, Les Leonard came to her and said that instead of the farmers having the breakfast for the city, why doesn't the city have a breakfast for the farmers. He suggested calling it the Mayor's Breakfast. She said that she would do it if the Chamber would help her. The Chamber agreed to help with this project. At that time she did everything out of her office. The event was very successful and it continues to grow. It got to where it was such a big crowd that she felt that they could not ask the businesses to contribute the food any more. They decided that they were going to have to pay for it so that is where some of the expense comes in from MACCI. The Chamber took care of all of the financial statements. On the 3rd year of this event, the Chamber went into the red. That is when it was decided that there had to be money in the budget. When she was no longer Mayor, she went to the Chamber to work and she carried over doing the Mayor's breakfast at the Chamber. That is how so much of it is under MACCI. Later Mayors felt that they wanted their secretary to participate a little more and be involved in the actual breakfast.

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

The following budgets were reviewed: Parks and Recreation Department; Room Tax Fund; Parks and Recreation Capital Projects Fund; Fairgrounds; Aging/Senior Center; Cable Television Committee; Information Technology; Municipal Court; City Assessor; Upham Mansion; Main Street Program; Business Improvement District; Economic Development; Convention and Visitors Bureau; City Clerk/Elections/Purchasing; UW College – Marshfield/Wood County; General Public Facilities Funds – UW Building/Remodeling Project; Municipal Airport; Airport Capital Outlay; Hillside Cemetery; Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund; Police Department (Law Enforcement, Ordinance Enforcement, School Crossing Guards, Dispatch Center); Emergency Management; Protective Services Fund; Common Council; City Administrator's Office; Sustainable Marshfield Committee; Finance; Non-departmental Budgets; Residential Rehabilitation Fund 204 and Debt Service Funds.

The next budget session will be held on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Siegler, second by Hansen to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk