

OCTOBER 20, 2008

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, Dave LaFontaine, Scott Noble, Ed Wagner, Donald Krueger, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler

ABSENT: Josh Hansen and John Spiros

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

CC08-380 Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to approve the minutes of the Industrial Park Authority of October 14, 2008. All Ayes

Motion carried

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Shirley Mook of 201 S. Vine Avenue. She has heard rumors that the City is advocating cutting Upham Mansion from its budget. The Upham Mansion is a valuable asset to the City of Marshfield. Upham Mansion does not have an endowment to fund its ongoing expenses. Therefore this funding is important to the operation. She asked the Council to restore the much needed funding for Upham Mansion.

Administrator Brehm responded that a request was never received from Upham Mansion. He did not cut the request. His staff contacted the Upham Mansion Coordinator Lyle Byre on August 26th and his response was that a request was not going to be presented to the Council. Due to a change in the Board of Directors there would be no request for 2009 and that they would be taking a year hiatus. The new Board was changing direction and was attempting to resolve some issues with the budget.

Peggy Smith, President of the Northwood County Historical Society. She said that they have had some problems with the part-time coordinator. This proposal was missed because she did not realize that she needed to turn it in and he did not tell her this. He did not tell her that he told the City that they were not going to apply for the funding until after it was too late for them to get in on it. She asked the Council to reinstate the funding.

Administrator Brehm directed Ms. Smith to submit their financial statements, revenues, expenditures, what their fund balance is for 2008 and 2007 and some projections for 2009 before the next meeting, which is Monday, October 27, 2008. He will put this item on the next agenda for discussion.

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

The following budgets were reviewed: City Attorney; Sustainable Marshfield Committee; Celebrations and Entertainment (Palm Sunday Chorus, School Patrol and Marshfield Civic Band); Taxi System; Wastewater Utility; Public Works Administration; Capital Project Funds; Infrastructure Construction Fund; Library; Building Services and Inspection; Public Facilities; General Public Facilities Fund – City Hall; Street Division; Vehicle and Equipment Internal Service Fund; TID #3 (Fund 425); TID #2 (Fund 426); TID #4 (Fund 428); TID #6 (Fund 429); TID #5 (Fund 430); TID #7 (Fund 432); TID #8 (Fund 433); Planning and Economic Development; Historic Preservation Committee; Industrial Park Operation and Development; Office of the Mayor; Common Council and City Administrator's Office.

Aldersperson Hendler asked if the School Patrol receives any other funds other than the City's.

Administrator Brehm responded that he doesn't know if there are any formal appropriations but he will find out that information.

Administrator Brehm said that he will have some changes in capital projects and funding sources as a result from Central Avenue being moved up one year. He will present it to the Common Council for their consideration at one of the next two budget meetings.

Aldersperson Hendler asked if the UW Marshfield/Wood Co. parking lot was part of the budget because he is on the County Budget Committee and he thought that they were told that the parking lots were not part of this year's budget.

Administrator Brehm said that he has heard similar rumors but they had not been confirmed by him. He will call the Finance Director to verify that. At the point in time that he put this budget together, he put it together based on their full request.

Aldersperson Feirer wants the cost saving measures shared with the public.

Aldersperson Wagner questioned why there were no estimated revenues budgeted for 2009 in the Planning Department Administrative charges. In 2008 there was a revenue budget of \$27,040.

Administrator Brehm replied that part of it has to do with the initial sharing of the cost for the GIS system. That cost sharing is over with through 2008 and that is why you don't see anything in 2009. This is his recollection but he will follow through on this.

Aldersperson Feirer requested that the October 27, 2008 budget meeting be changed from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. because there are a couple of Council members that will be attending a meeting prior to the budget meeting.

Aldersperson Noble suggested changing the October 27, 2008 budget meeting to 7:00 p.m.

The next budget session will be held on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Buttke, second by Krueger to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk