

**OCTOBER 19, 2009**

Special Budget meeting was called to order by President Spiros at 6:02 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

**PRESENT:** Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick, Dave LaFontaine, Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Russell Stauber, Donald Krueger, John Spiros, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler

**ABSENT:** None

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

President Spiros turned the chair over to Alderperson Feddick, 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; Municipal Court; Upham Mansion; Main Street Program; Business Improvement District; Economic Development (Fund 205); Convention and Visitors Bureau; TID #3 (Fund 425); TID #2 (Fund 426); TID #4 (Fund 428); TID #6 (Fund 429); TID #5 (Fund 430); TID #7 (Fund 432) and TID #8 (Fund 433).

#### Sustainable Marshfield Committee

Alderperson Stauber asked if the \$5,000 administrative costs could be worked into the grant monies that are becoming available and taken off the tax levy.

Administrator Brehm said the grant doesn't continue into 2010 and that is why the dollar amount decreased from 2009 to 2010. You can certainly use \$5,000 for whatever you would want to use it for, but they are requesting that it be used for travel and education. We can work administrative costs into the grant monies in some instances depending upon how the grant was written.

Alderperson Spiros questioned what the \$5,000 was for.

Administrator Brehm explained that \$4,400 is for travel and training. In the past it has been used for two sessions where we retained a consultant to set up some training sessions for our staff on the aspect of sustainability. The training is not just for that particular committee. It is for staff as well. \$600 is for dues that we pay to belong to a national organization pertinent to the sustainability, which the committee feels is a good investment.

Alderperson Spiros asked if the training was in addition to the training that we have already had or if it was the same type of training.

Administrator Brehm said the training is similar, but not a duplication. He will discuss this further with Marty Anderson, the Chairman of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee and he will respond back to Alderperson Spiros prior to next Monday.

Aldersperson Spiros wondered if Marty Anderson or someone from the committee could do some of the training internally now, so we don't have to bring in outside sources.

Aldersperson Wagner asked what we are getting for the \$600 membership. What is the national organization and why does the committee feel it is a benefit to the City of Marshfield?

Administrator Brehm will ask the Chairman Anderson and get back to the Common Council.

#### Celebrations and Entertainment - School Patrol

Aldersperson Hendler asked why the City is providing school patrol. Why isn't the School District?

Administrator Brehm said he would get back to Aldersperson Hendler with an answer.

#### Wastewater Utility

Aldersperson Spiros expressed concerns about the \$600,000 for the wastewater infrastructure additions and the forcemain that will carry the pumped effluent water to the TexSand site. Where is TexSand at with their funding? Is this truly a project that we need to go forward with knowing that there is some gray area there?

Administrator Brehm feels it needs to remain in the budget from the perspective that if the TexSand project doesn't go through the money is not going to be spent. It is going to be 100% reimbursed by TexSand. We met with them last week and their previous financing avenues did not pan out. They are in the process now of soliciting a public investment. They have a 30 day initial solicitation period to get that done. That is coming up very shortly. If they feel that they are successful from the perspective that they can raise enough capital to extend this another 60 days they are going to do that. They will be getting back to us either at the end of this month or very shortly in November as to what the status is of their fundraising efforts. We have incurred some costs in the design part of that, but there has been no construction whatsoever pertinent to that.

#### Capital Project Funds

Aldersperson Wagner requested a breakdown of the \$1,683,757 under Street Construction for Asphalt Paving and Mill-in-Place.

Administrator Brehm said he would get him a spreadsheet on that.

#### Street Division

Aldersperson Stauber asked why the Dairyfest budget jumped almost \$10,000.

Street Superintendent Panzer said the Dairyfest budget is a combination budget that includes Street Division, Administration, Police, and Parks and Recreation. There are many factors that go into the increase. The portion that the Street Division supplies is basically for the labor and some machinery rental for doing the traffic control for the Mayor's Breakfast and for the parade and they remain standing from last year.

Administrator Brehm will have an answer to Aldersperson Stauber's question by next Monday.

Aldersperson Feirer suggested moving down on the agenda to agenda items 33-38 to accommodate the people representing the Convention and Visitors Bureau, MACCI, Main Street and the

Municipal Court Judge, so they don't have to come back to the next meeting. They may have other commitments for next Monday.

TID #7 (Fund 432)

Alderspersion Spiros suggested withdrawing the Yellowstone Drive reconstruction project if the TexSand project doesn't go through, until somebody else goes in there or until TexSand gets funding.

Director of Public Works Knoeck mentioned that this project has been in the CIP prior to the TexSand development coming on board. There is a need for some improvements out there whether it is 2010 or later years, but it will need to be done eventually.

Alderspersion Spiros said he was for this project two years ago, but if TexSand doesn't go through he doesn't know if he can support it.

Administrator Brehm said the merits of this request should be based on the condition of the road and not the provisions of the contract.

Director of Public Works Knoeck said his department is already working on the engineering components of this project and he feels they need to continue that in order to be ready for bidding it when the time comes. Our schedule shows bid openings in late January, early February just to take advantage of the favorable bidding climates. The longer you wait in the season, the more contractors have work. Typically you see the better prices earlier in the year. We need to continue the design efforts on this project even if we are uncertain about building it or not.

Alderspersion Spiros said he was one of the ones that wanted that road in there based on truck traffic, but if TexSand doesn't go in he doesn't see us as needing to change that road. He feels the project could wait another year or two and it is not going to hurt anything.

Alderspersion Wagner said we have to prioritize, because of the budget conditions as they are. We have to be very careful where we place our money. If this is done as a contingency it has to be totally separated from other bond issues. He doesn't want this bundled with another bond issue.

Alderspersion Feirer said the road goes to a USDA building, a brand new building out in the Experimental Farm area. People are traveling out to a multimillion dollar building on a road that needs work. It should have had work two years ago and it still doesn't have it.

Alderspersion Spiros said this is a huge cost and huge undertaking and he doesn't see why we can't wait.

Alderspersion Hendler pointed out that there is money at stake here, but it is only on paper for budgetary purpose and nothing will happen until TexSand becomes a reality and then we will go out for bonding.

Administrator Brehm said if TexSand doesn't happen, then you as the Common Council will have to decide as to whether you want to construct that road on the merits of that road with nothing to do with the agreement with TexSand.

CC09-000 Motion by Spiros, second by Wagner to remove the Yellowstone Drive reconstruction project from the budget, contingent upon TexSand going through. If TexSand goes through it goes back in the budget and we put the road in. If TexSand doesn't go through we hold this over for at least a year.

Aldersperson Feirer pointed out that once this budget is passed you are not going to put it back in this budget. You are going to have to come up with a different way of funding. Once we pass the budget the middle of November it is done. You just can't put it back in.

Aldersperson Spiros said we should have a better idea of where TexSand is in two weeks. Let's see where TexSand is in two weeks from now and see if they are any closer to funding.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

The next budget session will be held on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Wagner, second by Hendler to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

**Motion carried**

Lori A. Panzer  
Deputy City Clerk