

NOVEMBER 2, 2009

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, Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Russell Stauber, Donald Krueger, John Spiros and Tom Buttke

ABSENT: Pete Hendler

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Thomas Drendel, M317 Felton Lane. He works for the University of Wisconsin Marshfield Ag Research Station on 29th Street. He spoke on behalf of the UW Marshfield Ag Research Station and their support for reconstructing E. 29th Street. There are three reasons why they encourage the Council to reconstruct E. 29th Street; 1) The USDA laboratory recently constructed a \$10 million dollar building and will have six scientists in the laboratory and those scientists will be hiring additional staff; 2) UW needs a good road. They have scientists and visitors that come daily to the station and 3) Safety concerns on E. 29th Street.

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

A presentation was made by Craig Cook of the Strategic Planning Committee. He provided a report on their 2009 efforts and talked about where they want to go in the future. What they are looking for in the future is the continued support that they received last year to improve the facades and continue to make the city look how they would like it to look. They are looking for a type of funding commitment for over five years plus additional funds when opportunities are presented for large scale projects. For 2010, they requested \$170,000 in funding; \$100,000 Façade Funding and \$70,000 for the Northwest Gateway.

Alderperson Wagner said that the funding request that is being made is not with existing tax dollars at all. The money that they are asking for would come out of the Revolving Loan Fund. The upside to this is that we don't have to levy a tax for that because that came out of dividends from the Utility over previous years. The downside is the more we tap that funding the less funding we will have available for revolving loans in the future. He has shared a vision with the Strategic Planning Committee that this will be the last request that they would ever make from that Revolving Loan Fund and he is prepared next year to make a proposal to the Common Council as to how that loan fund might be replenished and how other funds might be made available for this project in the future.

CC09-424 Motion by Wagner, second by Stauber to have the City Administrator review the request and bring back at the November 24, 2009 meeting his recommendation for funding this project.

Motion carried

City Administrator recommended the following changes to the 2010 budget:

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Account Number:		
101.5111006.060000.53200		\$ 1,547
101.5115060.600000.53400	\$ 1,000	
101.5151008.080000.51540	6,470	
101.5151008.080000.51640	518	
101.5141205.050000.57990	5,200	
101.5145007.070000.Various		2,781
101.5241023.230000.Various		25,017
101.5363532.320000.52900	9,270	
101.5534132.320000.Various	22,063	
101.5331132.320000.Various		10,643
101.5534504.040001.Various		2,327
206.5211020.200000.58610		2,500
206.5211020.200000.58610	3,400	
301.5821008.083039.56210	208,997	
301.5829208.080000.56910	450	
405.5714023.23Various.Various	218,000	
410.5721020.200000.58830	12,000	
HI - Various Account Numbers		100,700
HRA – Various Account Numbers		8,056
Total Expenditures	\$487,368	\$153,571
 <u>Revenues</u>		
Account Number:		
101.4100008.080000.41110		\$ 72,212
205.4100008.080000.41110		70
206.4900008.080000.49300	\$ 900	
301.4100008.080000.41110	136,298	
301.4800008.080000.48900	73,149	
401.4900008.080000.49300		2,740
405.4300023.230000.43547	209,200	
405.4800023.230000.48515	8,800	
410.4300020.200000.43547	10,000	
410.4800020.200000.48515	2,000	
432.4100008.080000.41110		638
Total Revenues	\$440,347	\$75,660

The city's tax levy would need to be increased \$48,631. This would raise the city's tax rate \$0.04176 or \$4.18 on property valued at \$100,000.

If the Common Council does not want to increase the city's tax levy and tax rate then he suggested reducing the tax levy increase of \$48,631 by splitting this in half and reducing the Contingency Account of the General Fund by \$24,315 and applying an additional \$24,316 of the city's general fund balance.

CC09-425 Motion by Buttke, second by Krueger to approve the City Administrator's recommended changes and split the increase in half by reducing the Contingency Account of the General Fund by \$24,315 and applying an additional \$24,316 of the city's general fund balance.
Motion carried

CC09-000 Motion by Buttke, second by Feirer to approve the 2010 Budget as presented.

CC09-000 Motion by Spiros, second by Wagner to approve an 8-day furlough for all employees excluding protective police & fire union employees and no over-time could be utilized for 2010.

CC09-426 Motion by Feirer, second by Buttke to call for the question. Feirer, LaFontaine, Earll and Buttke voted Aye; Feddick, Wagner, Stauber, Krueger and Spiros voted Nay.
Motion failed

CC09-427 Motion by Spiros, second by Wagner to lay on the table the motion to approve the 2010 Budget as presented. Feddick, Wagner, Stauber, Krueger and Spiros voted Aye; Feirer, LaFontaine, Earll and Buttke voted Nay.
Motion carried

The Council agreed to take a recess.

Recessed at 7:00 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

Discussion continued on the motion approving an 8-day furlough.

The motion was amended to include all employees.

The Common Council by unanimous consent agreed to withdraw the motion regarding furloughs.

Aldersperson Stauber said that for future discussions he would look to the department and division heads to put some thought into the possibility of implementing a furlough. For example if we have a major snow event or if we know we are likely to have a major snow event that would probably be a month where we would not want to have a furlough. But give some consideration to this idea in case one day we are in dire straits.

Aldersperson Wagner added that he would also like staff to come up with a plan on how a furlough would work.

CC09-428 Motion by Spiros, second by Stauber to pull E. 29th Street – Yellowstone Industrial Park (EN-C-1912) out of the budget in the amount of \$1,384,776.

Aldersperson Spiros said that at some point in the future if TexSand does go through than they can look at having a special budget meeting and approving that street.

Administrator Brehm pointed out that project 1912 has some companion projects. The total for that project is \$2,169,461. Part of that includes engineering time and getting that ready. It was the thought at that time that the engineering time remains there for finalization of the plans and bidding it out, if and when it occurs. He asked the Council to consider leaving the personnel of the engineering staff in there so it would be somewhat less than the \$2,169,461.

The first and second agreed to that.

Motion **CC09-428 was amended** to the funding for E. 29th Street – Yellowstone Industrial Park will be left in the budget but earmarked for the TexSand Project. Feddick, Wagner, Stauber, Krueger, Spiros and Buttke voted Aye; Feirer, LaFontaine and Earll voted Nay.

Motion carried

CC09-429 Motion by Krueger, second by Spiros to remove the funding for the Emergency Vehicle Preemption System, FD-F-5807 in the amount of \$222,550. Feddick, Wagner, Stauber, Krueger and Spiros voted Aye; Feirer, LaFontaine, Earll and Buttke voted Nay.

Motion carried

CC09-430 Motion by Stauber, second by Spiros to allocate \$50,000 for the Emergency Vehicle Preemption System, FD-F-5807 by either using the EMS Fund or the Vehicle Equipment Fund.

Administrator Brehm stated that we have an obligation and a contract with surrounding towns and villages that state that they will help pay for the cost of this EMS fund. It is not reasonable to ask them to pay for all of this money out of the EMS fund from the aspect that there is more to it than just ambulance, there is fire service. With regards to the Internal Service Fund that has been established by the Common Council in some respects to meet generally accepted accounting principles to allocate our costs throughout the various departments. To arbitrarily charge it to where there is money is really an inappropriate way to do things. The Internal Service fund is there for Street Division vehicles and equipment.

Fire Chief Schmidt said that to start this process as far as seed money it would take a little over \$63,000 to do that in one year.

Motion **CC09-430 was amended** to allocate \$64,000 for the Emergency Vehicle Preemption System, FD-F-5807, funded by the Vehicle Equipment Fund. Feddick, Wagner, Stauber and Spiros voted Aye; Feirer, LaFontaine, Earll, Krueger and Buttke voted Nay.

Motion failed

CC09-431 Motion by Stauber, second by Spiros to reduce the Gas and Diesel Fuel budget, 7015149337, from \$412,408 to \$375,000. Feddick, Wagner, Stauber and Spiros voted Aye; Feirer, LaFontaine, Earll, Krueger and Buttke voted Nay.

Motion failed

CC09-432 Motion by Stauber, second by Feddick to reduce the Dairyfest budget, 1015534504, from \$23,859 to \$14,500. Feirer, Feddick, Wagner, Stauber, Krueger, Spiros and Buttke voted Aye; LaFontaine and Earll voted Nay.

Motion carried

The Council agreed to take a recess.

Recessed at 8:33 p.m.

Reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

CC09-433 Motion by Feirer, second by LaFontaine to allocate \$92,000 for the Emergency Vehicle Preemption System, FD-F-5807 funded by long-term debt. Feirer, LaFontaine, Earll, Stauber and Buttke voted Aye; Feddick, Wagner, Krueger and Spiros voted Nay.

Motion carried

Finance Director Strey said that with the changes that were made to the budget, the change that impacted the tax levy was the reduction in the Dairyfest budget which reduced the tax levy by \$7,032 and the tax rate from \$9.87 to \$9.86.

CC09-434 Motion by Spiros, second by Buttke to set the date of November 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. for the public hearing on the proposed 2010 City budget and authorize the Finance Director to publish the notice of hearing and the proposed 2010 budget, incorporating any previous budget actions of the Common Council.

Motion carried

Motion by Spiros, second by Stauber to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Motion carried

Deb M. Hall
City Clerk