Special Budget meeting was called to order by Mayor Meyer at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Michael Feirer, Alanna Feddick, Dave LaFontaine, Gordon H. Earll, Ed Wagner, Gary Cummings, John Spiros, Tom Buttke and Pete Hendler

ABSENT: Russell Stauber

The flag was saluted and the pledge given.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Karen Olson, Business Development Director, thanked the Council and the City of Marshfield for their continued support of the economic development efforts in this community. She explained that quarterly updates are given to the Director of Planning and Economic Development. She also explained what MEDA (Marshfield Economic Development Association) does. They meet monthly and this helps keeps a pulse on the community. They look at the MEDA funds and review them on a monthly basis and are asked for their input. The majority of the MEDA budget is for marketing the community. The economic development team is very strong. Through the Economic Development Review Team their goal is to make improvements to MEDA and all other organizations involved in economic development. She is confident that we will see the city continue to grow and prosper with the continued invest in economic development efforts.

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

The Council reviewed the following budgets:

Public Safety

Police; Fire & Rescue; Emergency Medical Services; Emergency Management and Public Safety Funds

Public Works

Administration; Engineering; Street Division; Building Services; Wastewater Utility and Vehicle & Equipment Internal Service Fund

Alderperson Wagner would like to see the total cost of the Engineering Department. The costs are currently budgeted among the different projects.

Finance Director Strey said that he will work with the Engineering Department to pull this information together.

Capital Projects

City Administrator Barg reviewed the capital projects that are included in the budget. The goal is to maintain what we have rather than expanding.

Alderperson Buttke would like staff to look at the City Assessor position. Some communities are contracting for this service. Look at all the options; contracting, making it appointed or keeping it as is. He would like staff to get a cost estimate and bring it back to a future meeting.

A suggestion was made that the Wellness Committee have its own line item in the budget.

City Administrator Barg commended staff for preparing very prudent budgets and for working together.

He asked the Council to think about things that they would like to change, if any. If there are any costs implications he asked them to contact staff so they can do some costing out beforehand.

The next budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Buttke, second by Spiros to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. **Motion carried**

Deb M. Hall City Clerk