

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Hoy at 5:01 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Smith, Ald. Hoy, Ald. Pasbrig,

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Kathie Wild, Deanna Boldrey, Ald. Gering, Ald. Moede, Ald. Voss, Bill Linzenmeyer, Ryan Toellner, Ryan Vosekuil, Mike Kurutz, Marge Nitschke, Sally Kahlhamer, Laurie Bellino

Item #2 – Convene into Committee of the Whole to discuss items on the Finance Agenda.

Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Smith to Convene into Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion by Ald. Hoy, second by Ald. Pasbrig to go into closed session and to include Mayor Heron, Ald. Smith, Ald. Hoy, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Gering, Ald. Voss, Ald. Moede, Kathie Wild, and Deanna Boldrey. Chief Linzenmeyer was included for beginning comments only. Motion carried 6-0.

A. Police Chief Compensation.

B. Reconvene into Open Session.

Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Smith to reconvene into open session at 5:57 p.m.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item #4 – Review Resolution 4272-2008 Review of Vehicle Registration Fee Ordinance Annually with Possible Recommendation of Amendments to Ordinance 1013-2008 Vehicle Registration Fee.

The Clerk read the Resolution. Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Gering to Review the Resolution 4272-2008 at the Budget Meeting following the Public Hearing. Ald. Smith noted there is a possibility that this could be altered. Ald. Gering noted that he is not for the wheel tax. Motion carried 6-1, Ald. Moede voted no.

Item #5 – Discuss/Recommend 2010 City Budget.

Kathie Wild discussed the distributed reports. She pointed out that the marketing, accounting & auditing, and golf course budgets were reduced. The swimming pool repairs were added to the budget. There is deferred revenue that can be recognized next year as swimming pool donations. Water is budgeted for the bathrooms to be kept open.

The police department budget was then reviewed showing a reduction of \$46,957. To achieve the reduction unemployment, gas, overtime, education, and uniform allowance were all reduced. Court penalties were bumped up. The unemployment was discussed. Kathie noted that it is budgeted as a best guess, previously the full amount was budgeted.

The budget surplus is at \$371,892, or \$6,000 over the goal. It was noted that the goal is \$365,000 per year. Ald. Smith noted that the next budget may not be able to fulfill the goal. May have to cut the budget by \$90,000 for next year or raise taxes by \$90,000. May need to change the plan to a 15 year plan. The Mayor noted that this goal has forced creativity and forced pressure to get creative. Ald. Smith cautioned that a budget is a best guess. Ald. Voss noted that the City got into this situation by not raising taxes. Ald. Smith noted that the wheel tax could be doubled to accommodate the plan.

Mayor Heron noted that on this side of the table a tax increase can look like breathing room but on the other side of the table it can be suffocating.

Kathie discussed the report showing the levy calculations. Ald. Voss noted the 3.5% increase. Ald. Gering concurred with the 3.5% increase. Ald. Pasbrig agreed with 3.5% increase and does not want to go any higher. Ald. Moede concurred. Ald. Hoy also agreed with the 3.5% increase. Ald. Smith noted that the most efficient tax increase is increasing the wheel tax. Ald. Smith discussed that he preferred a 2.5% - 3% tax increase. He also noted that he would not vote against the 3.5% increase. The Mayor noted that they are \$7,000 over the goal and this is a reasonable approach. He noted that he will not veto a budget with a 3.5% increase. Ald. Pasbrig noted that department heads have worked hard on the budgets, and it will be that much harder next year.

Motion by Ald. Moede, second by Ald. Pasbrig to Recommend the 2010 City Budget as Presented to include General Property Tax in the amount of \$1,423,150 at approximately 3.5%. Motion carried 6-0.

Item #6 – Reconvene into Finance Committee.

Motion by Ald. Hoy, second by Ald. Pasbrig to Reconvene into Finance Committee. Motion carried 6-0.

Item #7 – Receive, Consider, and Approve Committee of the Whole Report of Recommendation of Discuss/Recommend 2010 City Budget.

The City Clerk read the Committee of the Whole Report of motions from the Committee of the Whole.

Motion by Ald. Moede, second by Ald. Pasbrig to Recommend the 2010 City Budget as Presented to include General Property Tax at \$1,423,150 at approximately 3.5%. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Smith to Approve the Committee of the Whole Report as read by the City Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #8 Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Pasbrig to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk