

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Hoy at 6:52 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, Mike Kurutz, Roger Williams, Christine Churchill, Bill Stanke, Marge Nitschke, Sue Smith, Sally Kahlhamer, Dena Harris, Rev. Hoy

Item #2 – Approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2009, October 5, 2009, and October 12, 2009, meetings.

Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Smith to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizen Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Treasurer's Report.

A. Monthly Financial Report.

Kathie Wild reviewed the financial reports. There has not been a draw on the line of credit to date. The Shared Revenue payment is expected in November. The Tag Center Report shows that the Tag Center continues to have a good year with a predicted surplus of \$8,209. Kathie reviewed the General Fund Expenditures and Revenues report through September 30, 2009, which is 75% of the year. Overall, Kathie predicted a surplus of \$65,000 in 2009.

Item #5 - Golf Course Update.

A. Financials Update.

Tom Herman reported there is \$91,000 in savings and \$35,000 in checking.

B. Membership Update.

There is an early sign discount for new members. So far they have four new members.

C. Banquet & Outings Update.

Tom noted that there are two weddings, a retirement party, and the Lions Club for upcoming outings and banquets.

D. Building and Course Update.

Tom reported that there are improvements on the club such as cleaning carpets, repairing drywall, repainting, staining deck, and replacing seals on windows and doors. The grass is still being cut to keep it in check.

E. Staff Update.

Nothing new to report.

F. Long Term Maintenance Report.

Nothing new to report.

Item #6 – Convene into Committee of the Whole to discuss items 7 and 8 on the Finance Agenda.

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

Item #7 – Review Resolution 4272-2008 Review of Vehicle Registration Fee Ordinance Annually with possible recommendation of amendments to Ordinance 1013-2008 Vehicle Registration Fee.

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Pasbrig to Review/Table the Resolution 4272-2008 to the next Budget Meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Item #8 – Discuss/Review/Recommend 2010 City Budget

Kathie distributed a summary report showing the changes from the last meeting. The bottom line number budget surplus is at \$137,935. The list of items for further review was noted. The levy calculation report was also reviewed. Kathie also reviewed a mill rate comparison spreadsheet and a statistical report of past years. Kathie read the trends and comparison report. The mill rate has decreased 15.4% over the last 10 years. The current general obligation debt is \$6.9 million. We have reduced the debt by 7% over the last 9 years. The operating budget for the general fund has increased \$335,884 or 12% over the last 9 years. The police department budget has increased \$258,805 or 33% over the last 9 years.

Mayor Heron offered the recommendation to combine the two years to make the \$365,000. If 2009 is finished with a surplus of \$65,000 with \$122,040 used to cover the deficits from the capital projects fund, that gives \$187,040 from 2009. It was noted that anything from 2009 might not be reoccurring. Ald. Pasbrig noted that it makes sense to combine the two years. Ald. Smith reminded the Council that department heads did not get the City into this mess.

Police Department:

Bill Linzenmeyer noted that the police department is 24 hours a day operation and does not have the privilege of shutting down at 2:00 p.m. Bill Linzenmeyer stated that the police department was under budget in 2008 and will be in 2009. Ald. Pasbrig questioned the reductions in court penalties asking if they are underestimated or what is the basis for dropping them 50%. Bill Linzenmeyer noted that the reduced revenues are realistic because court is now every two months and with the reduction in the police department staff there will be less tickets. Ald. Pasbrig questioned the reduction in parking permits. Bill noted that this is due to the tax intercept program and most of the past due revenues have been collected. Ald. Pasbrig questioned the education amount. Bill noted that he budgets \$500 per employee. Ald. Smith questioned the budgeted unemployment amount. Ald. Smith also noted to cut the meals in half and questioned the lodging. Ald. Smith questioned if enough attention was given to certain items of the police department budget. Ald. Smith questioned the printing amount. Bill noted that there are over 100 different forms and just recently an order for forms was made. He often waits until the end of the year for this item to see what is needed. Ald. Smith noted the telephone includes the air cards. Discussion of the air cards ensued. It was noted that there would be an initial set up and programming costs. Mayor Heron questioned if the gas could be adjusted. Ald. Smith noted that he would like the police department budget to be at \$908,000. Mayor noted that side arms for the police department might be a good fundraiser in the community.

Parks and TAG Center:

It was noted that there are not any flagged items for the parks and TAG Center budgets. Mayor Heron questioned if preventative maintenance needs to be considered for the outdoor swimming pool. It was noted that this is a spring fed pool so it will always be a body of water. If it is drained during the summer then algae will grow and because it is spring fed, it will eventually fill back up. Mike Kurutz noted that the bathrooms could be accessible. Mike noted that \$2500 would need to be budgeted in order to use the FEMA money. The FEMA money needs to be used for improvements as submitted. Ald. Smith suggested \$4,000 for the outdoor swimming pool budget. Ald. Pasbrig noted that the City will eventually have to make a decision on the outdoor pool. Discussion of the outdoor pool budget ensued with consent at \$2500 for repairs and \$1000 for electric, water and maintenance of the beach area.

Recess of meeting from 8:24 to 8:35.

EMS:

Ald. Voss questioned when the City will charge other townships for the EMS coverage. Christine Churchill noted that this is a Council decision, and it is a gentlemen's agreement at this time. Ald. Smith noted it might be worth it to have a work group study this and that most communities are charged per capita. Christine noted that she will bring in contracts for the Council to discuss. It was questioned if the ambulance fees may be optimistic. Christine noted that she is hopeful of starting the transport service in 2010. Ald. Gering noted the \$35,000 in donations. Mayor Heron noted this is a tight budget and the most corrected budget.

Fire Department:

Roger Williams and Bill Stanke discussed the Fire Department Budget. Roger began by noting the distributed quotes for repairs to a pump and the tires. It was discussed that if the pump is not repaired it could cause a foam leak and cost \$30,000 for a new pump versus the repair costs of \$6,160. This repair should be done now as a high volume of water could blow a pump. Discussion ensued to fix the pump now with the 2009 budget or wait for the 2010 budget. Discussion ensued to the tires. The tires are 22 years old. Bill noted that a thread gauge was used on the tires and they could be taken out of service now as the tires are worn down. Mayor Heron questioned why fundraisers are projected at \$10,000 when year to date shows \$19,000. Roger noted that there are 3-4 fundraisers per year. The donation amount includes a donation for the thermal imaging camera, ice rescue equipment, and a grant from Wal-Mart. Roger noted that there is a

\$720 rebate for the radios and pagers. Mayor Heron noted that the Fire Department is at 70% of their budget, and it could be possible to do the pump repairs yet this year.

General Admin:

Discussion ensued to the Marketing item. It was noted to remove \$2,000 from Marketing. Ald. Hoy noted that the Mainstreet Mayville amount and Chamber amount should be the same. Ald. Voss stated that the Chamber should go to the Wings building. Ald. Smith continued that \$6,000 is a good number for each.

Discussion ensued to the accounting and auditing line item. Kathie noted that in 2008, \$39,145 went to accounting and auditing. In 2009, \$42,261 went to accounting and auditing. It was suggested for accounting and auditing to be budgeted at \$46,000.

Discussion then went to the attorney line item. Ald. Smith noted to keep it at the amount budgeted for 2010 and Ald. Pasbrig noted that it seems like a very realistic number.

Senior Center:

Discussion then turned to the Sr Center Rental and Janitor. Kathie noted that the maintenance/janitor to the Sr. Center is budgeted at \$350.00 per month. Ten months are paid from the general fund and then two months are paid from the Fund 72. Ald. Smith questioned if they could do better on rentals. Ald. Moede noted that it costs less to clean City Hall. Ald. Smith noted that they turn down rental requests. It was noted to leave the Sr. Center budget as it is.

Golf Course:

Discussion then ensued to the golf course budget. It was noted that this appears to be a "slush fund" for the golf course. Ald. Smith noted that \$4,000-\$5,000 should be adequate. The Mayor questioned what other departments have this? Ald. Smith noted that this have never been budgeted for before. It was noted that this amount should be \$4,000.

The levy limit was then discussed. Ald. Hoy noted that they can see what happens if taxes are not raised. Ald. Voss noted the mill rate is low. Ald. Smith noted to recommend a tax increase. Mayor Heron stated that he is obviously opposed to raising taxes anymore than needed, but not raising taxes is part of the problem. We are in this situation due to lack of revenue and improper budgeting. The wheel tax and the hydrant rental will seem like a new tax. Ald. Smith noted concern for the work left to be done for next year. Kathie discussed the different scenerios wth the TIF correction showing the Levy calculations.

Item #9 – Reconvene into Finance Committee.

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

Item #10 – Receive, Consider, and Approve Committee of the Whole Report of Recommendation of 1st Draft of 2010 City Budget.

A Report was not given.

Item #11 Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Pasbrig to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk