

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - BUDGET

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014 – 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

Mayor Connors called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Roll Call. Present: Chappell, Wall, Kehoe, Kupsik, Hedlund and Lyon. Also present: Administrator Jordan, Comptroller Pollitt, City Attorney Draper, Fire Chief Connelly, Police Chief Rasmussen, Director of Public Works Winkler and Acting Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Klein. Absent: Alderman Kordus and Hill.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will to be limited to 5 minutes. None.

Discussion/Workshop on 2015 Annual Budget

Administrator Jordan explained the current proposed budget has a short fall of \$66,000, which includes a 0% pay increase for employees. In order to increase revenue to offset the shortfall, he suggested raising parking tickets from \$12.00 to \$20.00, raising the child beach tag admission price from \$3.00 to \$4.00 and charging residents \$3.00 for each season beach tag. It was stated that only the child's beach admission price would be raised to keep it in line with surrounding communities.

Discussion followed on the Wage Compensation study the City is participating in with two neighboring communities. Alderman Wall questioned why the study was taking so long and what the scheduled completion date may be. It was explained that the other two cities have made changes to the initial agreement which has delayed the completion.

There was discussion on wage increases for city employees including across the board increases, merit increases, increases up to 2% and the effect the increases would have on the proposed budget.

Kehoe/Wall motion to suspend the rules to allow Chief Connelly to speak on preparedness of the city for a pandemic outbreak. Motion carried 5 to 1 with Chappell voting "no."

Chief Connelly stated additional supplies have been purchased. Emergency management is ready if the need arises.

Discussion on finalizing the budget for publication and the need to have the budget published for two consecutive weeks.

The options of raising the cost of parking tickets, beach passes and to begin charging for resident beach tags to balance the budget were all discussed. Alderman Chappell stated she was against raising any fees except for parking tickets.

Chappell/Wall motion to adjust the draft budget to raise parking tickets from \$12.00 to \$20.00 with no employee raises. Motion failed 1 to 5, with Wall, Kehoe, Kupsik, Hedlund and Lyon opposed.

There was additional discussion on the percentage of the 2015 wage increases, child admission rate for the beach and charging for resident beach season passes.

Kupsik/Lyon motioned to direct staff to include in the budget, the parking ticket fee increase from \$12.00 to \$20.00, raising the child beach pass by \$1.00, charging \$3.00 for each resident season beach pass and including a 1.5% wage increase. Motion carried 5 to 1 with Chappell voting "no."

Adjournment

Hedlund/Chappell motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried 6 to 0.

/s/ Teresa Klein, Acting Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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