

Common Council Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2023

Approved

Call to Order @ 6:30 pm

Roll Call: Present: Lindemann, Peterson, Madden, Baeseman and Schroeder

Also in attendance City Administrator Geena Skowronski, Treasurer Carole Brown, Mayor Karen Sparling, Josh Lynch-Reporter

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – Animal running at large in Cedar/Prospect St area-German Shepherd and a Lab, Liberty St has 2 aggressive dogs on leads, also a lot of cats roaming around.

Mayor Communication-None

Council Comments: None

Schroeder/Madden motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for Land Division of the Valley Inn Property parcel #292210843.01 at N2435 State Rd 80/82. All ayes. Carried.

Madden/Peterson motion to approve fence proposal for Lisa Olsen of 101 Kimball Ave.-Carter Subdivision All ayes. Carried.

Discussed proposed equipment acquisition by the Juneau County Sheriff's Department. No action at this time, just information.

Discussion on 2023 EOY Budget Assumptions

Discuss 2024 Fee Schedule

Lindeman/Schroeder motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Discuss compensation for 2024 budget for all employees. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Baeseman/Lindemann motion to reconvene into open session. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Peterson motion to approve Finance and Personnel Committee recommendations regarding 2024 wages with a 6% increase and same insurance percentage as last year. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion of 2024 Budget-chip and crack sealing expense added to the budget, no requests for additional staffing needed, depending on rainfall next year may need another summer helper for cemetery mowing, increase 400.00 per year for each council member and mayor-no increase since at least 2010, library wages set by library board, TID 3 close out as a revenue bond through the TID, street dept pickup with plow, fire and ambulance assessment-fire no increase, ambulance about 8%, garbage contract-535 pickups increased to 14.55 per month-city will cover 2.25 per month, health ins did increase, property and liability insurance increased, shared revenue estimates increased due to Act 12, 24,000 for crack and chip sealing, 20,000 increase in storm sewer for catch basin repairs next year, curb gutter 15,000 to do from Depot to the Power House, library expenses/levee went from 155,397 to 176,698 increase to operating budget, no longer using capital outlay accounts instead using capital improvement fund 11, elections increased for next year's 4 elections, needing a new firewall and upgrades to our website, increased dues and professional development, increased spring cleanup, publishing expenses increased, demo and redevelopment 30,000-Ackerman Rd development, 2024 projected revenue 1,912,989.00 and same amount in projected expenditures for a balanced budget. If this budget is approved, taxes would increase from 10.39 to 11.22 per hundred which is 83.00 per 100,000 home, manufacturing assessment dropped by 1,000,000 which is determined by the State of Wisconsin, not our assessor. Total assessment at 79%. Total manufacturing in 2022 was 9,419,000 in 2023 it is 8,109,000.

Schroeder/Madden motion to adjourn. All ayes. Carried.

Upcoming Meetings:
November 14, 2023 @7pm
November 27, 2023 Budget Hearing

Lynn Thorson, Clerk