

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 2024
9:00 AM

PRESENT: Mayor Sandra Magiera
Council Members: John Hill, Kylee Johnson,
Barry Smith, Michael Reed, Janet Koch
City Clerk: Tracy Chamberlain
City Comptroller: Robert Earley
Police Chief: Jamie Deck
Fire Chief: Tom Sturdevant
DPW Superintendent: Robert Carpenter

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of proposed 2024-2025 City Budget.

There was some discussion regarding the tax rate increase and the possibility of an occupational privilege tax. The Council requested to meet with department heads to discuss possible budget cuts.

Police Chief Deck noted the items being requested through the grant can be removed from the Purchase of Equipment budget. He has not received notice if the grants have been awarded. He also agreed to remove the extra equipment of the new police vehicle.

Fire Chief Sturdevant reviewed the Personnel Services budget and agreed to make an adjustment to reduce base wages projected with contract negotiations. He also agreed to remove the Jaws-of-Life from the Purchase of Equipment, which can be covered by the sale of the old fire engine in the current budget year.

Assessor Franklin provided Personnel Services figures for her retirement and allocating a portion of Account Clerk/Typist time to the Law budget.

There was some discussion regarding the Library budget. The total requested is \$240,794.00. After discussion it was decided to provide \$223,380.00 in contributions from the City. This would include last year's contribution of \$213,646 plus \$9,374 for wage increases. The Library will need to adjust their budget through a revenue or reduce expenses by \$17,300.

Superintendent Carpenter agreed to not include a new truck. The new front loader and new backhoe would be removed from the Maintenance of Roads Purchase of Equipment. It was also noted the remainder of the grant project, for the replacement of the City Hall man doors, was added to the Repair of Buildings budget. They discussed working on East States drainage and the demolition of 126 Division Street.

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Comptroller Earley discussed projected revenues in the budget. He noted the City's interest earnings has increased with a change in investments. It was noted that the revenue from the Casino compact between NYS and the SNI is unknown.

It was the consensus of the Council to not increase the tax rate.

The 2024-2025 Tentative Budget will be on the Common Council Agenda, for approval, at the next regular meeting on February 14, 2024.

Moved by Koch and seconded by Smith:

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Council enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations under the provisions of the State's Open Meetings Law.

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Reed, Koch
Nays: None

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Reed:

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Council reconvene after approximately five minutes in executive session.

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Smith, Reed, Koch
Nays: None

No formal action was taken.

Moved by Koch and seconded by Reed:

RESOLVED: That we hereby adjourn – 12:43 PM.
Carried.



Tracy Chamberlain, City Clerk

DATED: March 7, 2024