

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 3, 2025
9:00 AM

PRESENT: Mayor Sandra Magiera – via phone
Council Members: John Hill, Kylee Johnson,
Barry Smith, Michael Reed, Paul Myers
City Clerk: Tracy Chamberlain
City Comptroller: Robert Earley
Police Chief: Jamie Deck

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of proposed 2025-2026 City Budget.

Moved by Smith and seconded by Myers:

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Council enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment history of a particular person under the provisions of the State's Open Meetings Law.

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

Moved by Myers and seconded by Reed:

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Council reconvene after approximately one hour in executive session.

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

There was some discussion regarding the tax rate increase and the possibility of an occupational privilege tax. The Council discussed some budget cuts.

After speaking with Police Chief Deck, they approved the purchase of one new vehicle, body worn camera, 5 pistols, a drug detector, 2 radar guns and half the cost of the drone. The surveillance cameras will be purchased for the parks, Rochester Street DPW building and upgrades to the License Plate Readers.

There was some discussion regarding the Library budget. The total requested is \$229,727.00. After discussion it was decided to provide \$223,380.00 in contributions from the City, the same amount as last year. The Library will need to adjust their budget through a revenue or reduce expenses by \$6,347.00.

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After discussion the Council would like to remove items from the DPW budget. The new front loader, new backhoe, two pick-up trucks and the GPS tracking would be removed from the Maintenance of Roads Purchase of Equipment. They agreed to purchase two Bobcats for sidewalk plowing and other uses. The camera purchases will go to the new Police budget line for cameras.

Comptroller Earley discussed projected revenues in the budget.

It was the consensus of the Council to increase the tax rate by 2%.

The 2025-2026 Tentative Budget will be on the Common Council Agenda, for approval, at the next regular meeting on February 12, 2025.

Moved by Reed and seconded by Smith:

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Council enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment history of a particular person under the provisions of the State's Open Meetings Law.

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

Moved by Myers and seconded by Hill:

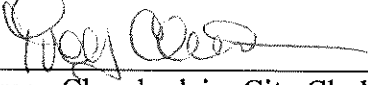
RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Council reconvene after approximately one hour in executive session.

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

No formal action was taken.

Moved by Reed and seconded by Hill:

RESOLVED: That we hereby adjourn – 2:43 PM.
Carried.



Tracy Chamberlain, City Clerk

DATED: February 20, 2025