

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
JANUARY 26, 2023
9:00 AM

PRESENT: Mayor Sandra Magiera
Council Members: John Hill, Kylee Johnson,
Barry Smith, Michael Reed, Janet Koch
City Clerk: Tracy Chamberlain
DPW Superintendent: Robert Carpenter
Police Chief: Jamie Deck
Fire Chief: Tom Sturdevant
City Assessor: Cynthia Franklin
Grant Writer/Youth Bureau Director: Sandra Brundage

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM. The purpose of the meeting was to review proposed figures submitted by City Department Heads for the 2023-2024 City Budget. Worksheets for the budget were distributed to the Mayor and Common Council on January 20, 2023.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Rob Carpenter reviewed all the DPW proposed budget lines. He discussed the need for a wage increase. It was noted the Union has begun contract negotiations and the wages can be addressed then. He is proposing to purchase a new crane, pressure washer, one single axle truck, a one ton dump truck, three replacement dump truck bodies, three new plow blades and radios for Maintenance of Roads. It was suggested to bond for the two large cost trucks and apply the plow blades to the Snow Removal budget. There was discussion regarding requesting the Seneca Nation of Indians for reimbursement of expressway light cost. It was also discussed to request the new businesses in town to assist with the replacement of holiday lighting. There was discussion on the use of NYS Highway funds for projects such as Center Street resurfacing.

Police Chief Jamie Deck reviewed the 2023-2024 Police Department and Juvenile Officer proposed budgets. He has budgeted personnel to include 20 officers and 2 dispatchers. The department currently has 15 officers. It was suggested the budget include 15 officers and 2 dispatchers. He also proposed to purchase rifles, radar, six gun double mounts for vehicles, ammunition, flooring and one new vehicle with equipment. It was suggested to look into purchasing a truck rather than a car. It was noted that the renovation to expand offices and garage is estimated to be finished by summer 2023.

City Assessor Cynthia Franklin reviewed the proposed Assessment budget. It was noted that one day of pay for her Account Clerk/Typist is charged to the Law budget for assistance provided to the City Attorney.

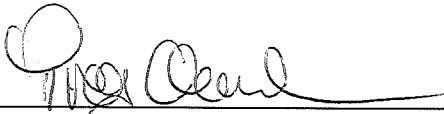
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Fire Chief Sturdevant reviewed the proposed budgets for Public Safety Administration (Codes), Fire Department and Ambulance. His proposal includes the increase in wages for the four new lieutenants' positions and to add three new officers, to assist with filling shift and the replacement of possible retiring officers. He also proposed to increase the cost of physical testing. He would also like to see some building renovations. It was decided to increase the Buildings budget line for repairs.

Youth Bureau Director/ Grant Writer Sandra Brundage reviewed the Grant Writer, Youth Program, Playgrounds and Youth Grant proposed budgets. The upgrades for the playgrounds at Elm Street and Pine Street will be done this summer. She also requested to have bathrooms upgraded at the Youth Center.

The review of the budget will continue on Monday, January 30, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.



Tracy Chamberlain, City Clerk

DATED: February 3, 2023