

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
6:30 PM – Audit Presentation and Budget
Common Council Chambers

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Steve Hass with the following attending:

Paul Russell – District 1
Michael “Gus” Caylor – District 2
Nathan Meyer – District 3
LaDonna Fermanich – District 4
Dick Lupton – District 5
Mike Rick – District 6
Mark Weix – District 7
Steve Sabatke – District 8

Other’s present: Mayor Hass, Finance Director Unertl, City Attorney Hayden, Police Chief Bennett, Public Works/City Engineer Akey, Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek, Fire Chief Klug, Library Director Ollhoff, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek, Information Technology Manager Brown, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf, Street Superintendent Bonack, Transit Director Brummond, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Gary Hartwig, Alan Wix, Todd and Renea Frederick, Tina Scott, Jon Trautman from CLA, Brian Reilly from Ehlers and Merrill Community Media. City Clerk Anderson-Malm and Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator were excused.

II. Roll Call was taken.

III. Public Comment: There was no public comment

IV. Minutes from previous meeting:

Aldersperson Rick made a motion to approve the minutes from July 11th. Aldersperson Meyer seconded and the motion carried.

V. General Agenda Items:

1. Presentation of 2022 Audit Reports – Jon Trautman from CLA – He gave an overview of the 2022 Audit Reports and answered questions from the Council.

2. TID report and borrowing update – Brian Reilly from Ehlers – He gave an overview of the TIDS and borrowing and answered questions from the Council.

3. 2024 Capital budget requests:

Utility – Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reported on the capital requests.

Infrastructure Investments – Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey and Street Superintendent Bonack reported on the capital requests.

Aldersperson Sabatke motioned to remove the Gebert Park Roads project from the 2024 budget. Aldersperson Meyer seconded. The motion carried on an 8/1 voice vote. Aldersperson Weix voted no.

City Capital – The City capital projects were reviewed and discussed with the following motions:

Mayor Hass motioned to remove the public address system. Aldersperson Sabatke seconded. The motion carried on an 8/1 voice vote. Aldersperson Fermanich voted no.

Aldersperson Sabatke motioned to remove the power project north of the grand stand at the Festival Grounds. Aldersperson Caylor seconded. The vote was 4/4 on a roll call vote. Alderspersons Russell, Meyer, Rick and Weix voted no. Mayor Hass was the deciding vote and voted no.

Aldersperson Caylor motioned to reduce the library carpet request from \$125,000 to \$5,350.00. Aldersperson Rick seconded and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Mayor Hass motioned to keep Ott's Park boat landing and dock, Riverside Park dock, Nicholas Bridge and table and chairs for the Smith Center and AGRA Pavilion and to eliminate the rest of the requests. Aldersperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

Information Technology requests – Information Technology Manager Brown updated the Committee regarding the requests. After discussion, Aldersperson Fermanich made a motion to approve the requests except for the voice gateways. Aldersperson Rick seconded. The motion carried on a 5/4 roll call vote. Aldersperson's Russell, Lupton, Rick and Sabatke voted no.

VI. Establish next budget meeting – Monday, October 16 at 6:00 PM

VII. Adjournment – Aldersperson Meyer motioned to adjourn. Aldersperson Rick seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori Anderson-Malm – City Clerk using the video from the city website and minutes from Mayor Hass