

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**Budget Session**  
**Monday, August 29, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Common Council Chambers**

**I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Steve Hass with the following attending:

Paul Russell – District 1  
Michael “Gus” Caylor – District 2  
Rick Blake – 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 Steve Hass, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, City Administrator Johnson, Finance Director Unertl, City Attorney Hayden, Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey, Fire Chief Klug, Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf, Police Chief Bennett, Street Superintendent Bonack, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Interim Library Director Ollhoff, Transit Director Brummond and Merrill Productions

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**IV. Fiscal Overview – Finance Director Unertl**

Finance Director Unertl gave a fiscal overview. An additional packet was handed out at the meeting.

**V. Consider 2023 Budget Requests:**

**Capital (Tax Levy Supported)** – Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey talked about the Capital projects for 2023.

**City Hall** - Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek discussed the Capital projects for 2023 and spoke in detail about the tractor for snow removal.

The library and police budget requests were discussed.

**Fire Department** – Fire Chief Klug discussed the budget requests. Alderperson Fermanich made a motion to use ARPA funds for the Turnout Firefighting Gear. Alderperson Sabatke seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.

**Airport** – Discussion occurred regarding the budget request. Alderperson Caylor made a motion to deny the airport tractor/mower/brush hog. Alderperson Rick seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 8-1.

**Festival Grounds** – There was discussion regarding installing a public address system. Alderperson Russell would like to see research on integrating the current systems. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderperson Sabatke to deny the installation of a public address system. Alderperson Caylor seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.

The second item regarding the livestock barn interior painting was discussed. The amount requested would include painting and whitewashing where appropriate and also preparation of the surfaces. Alderperson Sabatke suggested getting a more accurate quote before voting.

**Parks & Recreation** – Park and Recreation Director Wendorf stated the requests for the Agra Pavilion Playground and the Pickleball Courts would be removed from their budget requests; both items will receive funding from outside foundations.

Docks at Riverside and Ott's park were discussed. After discussion between the Alderperson's, a motion was made by Mayor Hass and seconded by Alderperson Caylor to remove the \$80,000 from the budget request. Alderperson Russell amended the motion to fund \$40,000 with ARPA funds instead of the tax levy for the docks at Riverside Park and Ott's Park. Alderperson Weix seconded. A motion passed on a roll call vote 5-4.

Park Security Camera's – this request was amended by Park and Recreation Director Wendorf. He stated the Optimist Club would be funding \$7,000 for security cameras at Normal Park. The balance of \$18,000 remained as a budget request.

Streeter Square Basketball – Park and Recreation Director Wendorf explained the request for replacing the surface and re-sizing the court to be closer to regulation. Alderperson Sabatke suggested using ARPA funds instead of the tax levy. Alderperson Caylor made a motion to move the Streeter Square Basketball court request to ARPA

funds versus the tax levy. Alderperson Russell seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

River Bend Trail to Prairie Trail – Director Wendorf explained the reasoning for the budget request for gravel paths and signage.

Parks Front Deck Mower Replacement – After discussion regarding the reasoning for the front deck mower replacement for \$70,000, Director Wendorf was asked if the Park Department would be willing to give their old machine to the City Hall. He responded favorably. Alderperson Caylor made a motion to cut \$68,000 from the City Hall Maintenance budget request and use that amount for a mower replacement for the Parks & Recreation Department. Mayor Hass seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 9-0 roll call vote.

**Infrastructure Investments** - Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey and Street Superintendent Bonack explained the infrastructure requests. Following discussion, Alderperson Blake made a motion to remove the petition for Bramble Way, Wildwood Lane and Summit Ave from request. Alderperson Rick seconded. The motion passed on an 8-1 roll call vote.

**Tax Increment Districts (TIDs)** - There was not sufficient time to discuss the TID's.

**Landfill (Fund 20)** – The Landfill (Fund 20) was discussed.

**Utility Capital** – Utility Operations Manager Steinagel explained the capital plan.

**Water Fund** – Utility Operations Manager Steinagel discussed the water fund capital plan.

**Sewer Fund** – Discussion between Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, the council and administration occurred regarding an annual 2% increase.

**VI. Discuss potential future Committee of the Whole meeting dates -**

After discussion, it was decided the meetings would be 2 hours in length. The next meetings will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm and October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**VII. Adjournment**

Mayor Hass asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Rick made a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori Anderson-Malm – City Clerk