

**Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Baraboo, Wisconsin
Tuesday, November 1, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Nelson called the special meeting of Council to order.

Roll call was taken.

Council Members Present: Wedekind, Kolb, Hazard, Kent, Petty, Sloan, Kierzek, Thurow

Council Members Absent: Ellington

Others Present: Clerk Zeman, Adm. Bradley, J. Ostrander, L. Laux, members of the press and others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Moved by Wedekind, seconded by Kent and carried to approve the agenda.

Compliance with the Open Meeting Law was noted.

PUBLIC INVITED TO SPEAK – No one spoke.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Thurow, seconded by Sloan, to enter Committee of the Whole to review and discuss the 2023 Budget.

J. Ostrander presented the Council with the 2023 Budget. Within the budget document she noted that per our Fund Balance policy of 25% allowed, we could have included up to \$769,149.26; however, only \$610,289 of Fund Balance was applied for 2023.

J. Ostrander went on to present the “Special Revenue” funds; money that is restricted for specific use and is not co-mingled with other funds. Ald. Petty questioned the revenue for the “Vehicle Registration Fee” and City Treasurer Laux noted that this is not a separate fund, it’s tied to the Public Works Department. Ald. Sloan noted that this has been discussed before, how to make sure if it’s designated for roads, we spend it on roads. He noted the budget was not increased by this fee amount.

Adm. Bradley went into detail for the “Special Revenue” funds. The Taxi Grant, Adm. Bradley explained that with the increase of expenditures, with substantially less revenues, this is a program that will need to be looked at. The “Streetlighting” is a fee included on the water bill that is set aside for costs associated with streetlights. “Park Impact Fees” includes a huge increase with the amount of development going on. Two major projects, including the Jackson Property and the South Side Development, are in the works for the use of the bulk of these funds towards parks and/or park equipment. As for the “Library Impact Fees”, some of these funds were set aside for equipment in the Library Project; the remainder will be used to buy down some debt. The “Public Safety Impact Fees” go towards portions of payments on this building which will continue, buying down debt service costs. Portions of the new Fire/EMS Stations will also be able to use these fees. The “Library Operating” is pretty straight forward. The “Disaster Aid” is currently “ARPA” funds, all of which have been spoken for; \$44,000 for Fire equipment and the balance for the Taxi program.

For Debt Service, J. Ostrander noted that we will have to levy for \$2,756,089 of Debt Service.

Adm. Bradley gave an update on the current TID’s. 2023 will be the last increment year for TID #6. Both TID #6 and TID #8 are debt free. The increment for TID #8 will be used to subsidize the infrastructure for the South Side Development project. TID #7 is overlaid with TID #11; any new increment will go into TID #11. A developer within TID #7 is still paying for a shortfall of increment. TID #11 now encompasses everything that was in TID #6 except for Walmart. TID #9 was closed earlier this year; this TID was funded entirely by TID #6. TID #10 is the overlay of a portion of TID #8 and includes the Three Amigos development and the riverfront development. TID #11 is a donor to TID #10. We do anticipate the need for further bonds that will be backed by TID revenue. TID #12 is doing very well and includes the Jackson property on the east side. We are estimating about \$70M of increment for TID #12.

Council reviewed the Capital Funds budget as presented by J. Ostrander.

The "Enterprise Funds" are like normal business accounts, and will include water, sewer, and stormwater. Next year the Airport fund will be removed. City Treasurer Laux noted that for the Economic Development fund, the EDA grant went through this fund last year. The money in their now is repayment from TID #6 for a land purchase years ago.

The "Internal Service" funds includes insurance, unfunded pension, and leased vehicles. In the future, all of our insurance will hit this fund. Unfunded pension was due to the state and was paid off by the City this year. This will be \$0 going forward. Adm. Bradley explained that we are still working through the replacement of vehicles through Enterprise. We do have a number of vehicles ordered, we are anticipating delivery Oct/Nov 2023.

The "Fiduciary Funds" is money that we hold or invest in other avenues. This includes the UW Campus, Alma Waite, Kuenzi Estate, and Library Segregated.

Mayor Nelson noted that there will be another Committee of the Whole included on the November 8th Council agenda if any members of the Council have questions on the 2023 Budget.

Moved by Petty, seconded by Kent, to rise and report from Committee of the Whole and return to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Wedekind, seconded by Kolb, and carried on voice vote, that the meeting adjourn at 7:56pm.

Brenda Zeman, City Clerk