

## 2011 Budget Hearing

December 6, 2010

These are the minutes of the 2011 Budget Hearing held on December 6, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Municipal Building.

Mayor Williams called the Public Hearing to order. On roll call were Alderpersons Baumgartner, Jensen, Manthey, Newberg, Scott, Mayor Williams, Administrator Ellisor, Chief Hanson and Street Superintendent Mead.

Administrator Ellisor read his 2011 Budget Review Memorandum. The memorandum gave the Revenue and Expenditures Equalized Value Comparison for 2010 and 2011. Various portions of the 2011 budget composing the proposed budget were explained by Administrator Ellisor and on the relevant trends and projections of the City's finances:

The anticipated mill rate (pre-TIF millage is the millage rate applied for General Fund operating expenses) should be \$3.31 and the anticipated General Fund mill rate (after TIF) should be \$4.31. The General Fund levy (the actual dollar amount collected from property taxes) decreased from \$285,500 to \$283,300.

State Shared Revenue, the largest revenue component of the General Fund operating budget (approx. 65%) at \$615,250, is the same as 2010.

Administrator Ellisor read wage and benefit increases are estimated at 2.5%. Health care benefits will face a 15% increase. The budget allows for the same level of City services, with no increase proposed for the water & sewer utilities. Other expenditure challenges were workman's compensation and fire district. Energy and fuel costs are anticipated to be close in cost with 2010. Ambulance service has decreased.

He read Strategies to meet the 2011 General Fund budget. The 3 year COPS Grant can be applied to the operating budget. The \$90,000 surplus in the Debt Service Fund would leave an additional \$92,000 to be built up over the next three years.

Administrative and Clerk expenses are spread across four different budgets, which include the TIF's. The 5 year Capital Equipments Allocation expenses (General, Public Works and Public Safety) were reduced last year and can be again this year. Special Assessments can help pre-fund Debt Service.

The Water & Sewer Utility propose no increase, however, needs to be looked into 2012.  
(Alderson Suhr arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

TIF #1 will retire in 2011. TIF #2 functions to pay on debt and have quite a few years remaining. TIF #3 is primarily paying on previous project loans.

**Motion by Manthey, second by Jensen to adjourn the budget hearing. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

*The 2011 Budget Hearing adjourned at 5:50 p.m.*

Janet L. Winters, WCMC  
Clerk/Treasurer