

**WATERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 23, 2022, 4:00 p.m.**

There was a meeting of the Waterville City Council held in the Council Chambers at 4:00 p.m. on August 23, 2022.

Present: Jennifer Grobe, Tim Smith, Roy McIntyre, and Mayor Alan Schmidtke

Absent: Dave Wollin

Also Present: Administrator/Clerk Hill, Police Chief Manning, Emergency Management Director Spicer, Street Supervisor Hiller, Water/Sewer Supervisor Krenik, and Parks Commissioner Vail

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Schmidtke Called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. noting that all Council members were present except Wollin. Also present: Teresa Hill, John Manning, Doug Spicer, Alan Hiller, Mark Krenik and Val Vail.

Approval of Agenda/Additional Items to Agenda.

Motion by Smith, Seconded by Grobe to approve the agenda. Motion Carried 4-0.

New Business

Budget Work Session. Administrator-Hill Presented a 5-year capital plan and line-item budget for 2023. Department heads presented capital out look for their departments. Street Supervisor Alan Hiller presented requests: 1. \$10,000 for storm sewer cleaning. 2. \$80,000 for Seal coating and crack filling. 3. \$50,000 for mill and overlay of 2nd Street south by old city shop and Hillcrest Drive. 4. \$150,000 for the purchase of a new Loader based off the state bid. Mr. Hiller advised that the old loader is a 1997 with some serious problems. A cost estimate for the repairs would be approximately \$35,000. Hiller also informed the council that by using the state bid the discounted prices would be similar if not less than purchasing a used Loader. Availability for purchase and delivery of a new loader is about 3-4 months out. Discussion was also held on the option for a snow blower attachment and making sure that it could be used for that in the future. Emergency Management had no Capital items requested. Police Chief Manning requested participation in Lexipole. A policy implementation and training product as a liability reduction tool. Lexipole would cost \$9,480.00 for implementation and a yearly subscription at \$3,248.15. Purchase of a new squad was also presented with the ability to use the funds available from the squad car fund. He also questioned if American Rescue Fund Money could be used for a squad car purchase. Administrator Hill advised that they could at council direction but the Council had previously designated the projects for the funding. Discussion was held on the ability for the Police department to generate money from tickets and the speeding that occurs on Hwy 13 and 60. Administrator Hill and Park Board Commissioner Vail presented projects for the parks: 1. \$5,000 for banners and brackets. 2. \$30,000 for a possible Pickle ball Court funded in part by a donation. Discussion was also held on the park improvements for 2024 for boat landing improvements estimated at \$100,000. Improvement for 2024 include a wash station, Lions Park restrooms and trail improvements. Improvements for 2025 include park equipment. Administrator Hill included City Hall renovation as approved for American Rescue Fund funding and possible Council Chamber renovation. The Fire department capital requests included: 1. \$20,000 for updated lighting for Engine 1. 2. Fire Hall Construction at 2.5 million. 3. \$350,000 for a new fire truck in 2024. \$50,000 for replacement of the 1999 Suburban in year 2025. A recap was provided on the possible impact on Fund balance. As the budget currently sets, there would be a budgeted decrease in fund balance of \$293,704.00 with

no levy increase. Discussion was held on the requirement to maintain 6 months of the expenses as cash flow. To meet the requirement, cuts would need to be made to the budget or a combination of levy increase and cuts. A levy increase of 1% would generate \$9,741.46 in additional revenue. Local Government aid only increased \$3,025.00 but the cost of inflation is approximately 9%. Property and Liability insurance increased between 10% and 15%. Cost of fuel for 2023 is still an unknown. The market is still changing quickly for diesel fuel. Council will set another work session date at the regular September meeting. Administrator Hill will review the budget for possible cuts and report back to the Council.

Adjourn

Motion by Smith, Seconded by McIntyre to adjourn. Motion Carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Alan Schmidtke, Mayor

Teresa Hill Administrator-Clerk