

**WATERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Work Session/Special Meeting
September 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

There was a Special Meeting of the Waterville City Council held in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on September 24, 2024.

Present: Mayor William Conlin, Council Members Tim Smith, Dave Wollin, Jennifer Grobe

Absent: None

Also Present: Administrator/Clerk Hill,

Call to Order / Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Conlin called the meeting order at 6:00 p.m. with all members present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda/Additional Items to Agenda.

Motion by Smith, Seconded by Wollin to approve the agenda as written. Motion Carried 4-0.

New Business

Budget Work Session. Administrator Hill updated the Council on changes that were made to the budget. Grant Revenue was added for the Emergency Management 4-Wheeler, Removed Street Vehicle looking at other possibilities, looking at possible DNR donated vehicle so Fire vehicle was removed, also removed Ordinance book codification and audio visual, Rent payment for fire hall was changed to \$118,125, and a 5% increase in levy was included. Other information provided included discussion on shift of franchise fees being reported in the Capital Fund instead of the General fund, wage, and payroll benefits. Discussion was held on the timing and debt service for the proposed Fire Hall. The debt service as presented would increase over \$300,000 from 2025 to 2026. A levy increases to cover the current debt service and future debt service due to the budget constraints and no debt replacement being available until approximately 2031. Council requested the Administrator obtain a scenario with construction start date in June instead of January. Further discussion was held on the impact of proposed levy increases. Council requested Administrator Hill find out what impact the levy would have on property owners and what the taxable property value is when available. Discussion was held on the need to set a levy knowing that the Final levy can decrease but not increase. With a projected deficit in the General fund and Capital fund the Council recommended a proposed levy of \$1,242,949. The recommended levy would still leave a deficit in both funds that would need to be addressed.

Resolution 2024R-031 Approving 2025 Proposed Budget. Motion by Wollin, Seconded by Smith to approve the 2025 Proposed Budget. Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution 2024R-032-Approving 2025 Proposed Levy. Motion by Smith to approve the proposed levy of \$1,242,949. Motion Carried 4-0.

Truth In Taxation Meeting Date- December 3, 2024. Motion by Smith, Seconded by Wollin to set the Truth In Taxation Meeting for December 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn

Motion by Wollin, Seconded by Smith to Adjourn. Motion Carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Willian Conlin, Mayor

Teresa Hill, Administrator-Clerk