

C O M M O N C O U N C I L
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Justin M. Nickels, Mayor
Jennifer Hudon, City Clerk

Monday, November 29, 2010

The Common Council of the City of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, met in adjourned session at the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Monday, November 29, 2010. Said meeting was duly called, noticed, held and conducted in the manner required by the Common Council and the pertinent Wisconsin Statutes.

Mayor Nickels called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Alderpersons Jill Hennessey, Scott McMeans, James N. Brey, Christopher Able, Matt Kadow, Jason Sladky, Alex J. Olson, Nicholas P. Levendusky, Allan Schema and Dave Soeldner.

Absent: None.

Mayor declared the meeting open for a public hearing in the matter of the General City budget of proposed 2010 levy for 2011, in the amount of \$12,647,519.00, including the Manitowoc Public Library, with \$985,399.00 in proposed tax incremental financing.

City Clerk reported that the notice of the hearing was published in the Herald-Times-Reporter on November 14, 2010. (Proof of publication is on file in the City Clerk's office.)

Don Goeke, 3006 Custer St., addressed the Council relative to the proposed budget.

No other interested parties appeared.

Mayor declared the public hearing closed. (A tape recording of the entire hearing is on file in the City Clerk's office.)

Mayor declared that the Finance Committee is sending the budget to the Common Council for their input. Alderperson McMeans, Chair of Finance Committee, presented an overview of what the Finance Committee has done to date.

Discussion on the budget followed.

Moved by Brey, second by Levendusky to eliminate Parks and Recreation Director salary and benefits in the amount of \$98,607.00. Ayes, 7. Nays, 3. Motion carried.

Moved by Sladky, second by Soeldner to eliminate funding for Assistant Finance Director since we have an Interim Finance Director. After a short discussion in which it was noted that half of the salary has already been defunded, Alderperson Sladky rescinded his motion.

Moved by Brey, second by Olson to remove \$5,000.00 from Parks Department wages and \$5,000.00 from Parks Department overtime and in addition to terminate the agreement relative to four-10-hour day shifts with the union.

Discussion followed. Vote on the amendments: Ayes, 7. Nays, 3. Motion carried.

Moved by Brey, second by Sladky to eliminate funding for the Confidential Secretary in the City Attorney's office for a savings of \$75,290.00.

Discussion followed. Vote on the amendment: Ayes, 4. Nays, 6. Motion failed.

Moved by Hennessey, second by Olson to rescind Council's action of October 4, 2010, on resolution (10-461) establishing nonrepresented employee compensation for 2010. Ayes, 7. Nays, 3. Motion carried.

Per Mayor's budget recommendation, the filling of the Municipal Court Clerk position is to be delayed three months and the filling of the Clerk III position in the City Clerk's office is to be delayed six months. Both Judge and City Clerk have requested reconsideration.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Olson, second by Kadow to accept the Judge's recommendation and allow the position to be filled immediately with a two week overlap.

Moved by Olson, second by Kadow to amend the motion to require the new hire to take two weeks of unpaid vacation.

After discussion, it was moved by Olson, to rescind his amendment to the original motion.

Vote followed on the original motion: Ayes, 8. Nays, 2. Motion carried.

City Clerk addressed the Council regarding the filling of Clerk III position in her office. No action was taken.

Moved by Brey, second by McMeans to put \$7,200.00 back into the budget for car allowances for Mayor and Director of Public Works/City Engineer. Ayes, 9. Nays, 1. Motion carried.

Mayor stated that \$300,000.00 can be removed from Capital Projects for So. 10th Street - Madison to Green St. because it is not needed.

Moved by Sladky, second by Able to remove said \$300,000.00 from Capital Projects. Ayes, 10. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Moved by Sladky, second by Hennessey to remove funding for meals from all budget lines except Mayor and Planning.

After a short discussion, vote on the motion followed. Ayes, 1. Nays, 9. Motion fails.

Aldersperson McMeans asked the Council for their input regarding adding a 10-day furlough into the budget for a savings of \$848,000.00. No action was taken.

Moved by Kadow, second by Able to have a zero percent tax increase and borrow the amount needed from the Wastewater Treatment Facility Reserve Fund with said amount to be paid back over a period of five years at one-half percent interest.

Discussion followed with a vote on the motion: Ayes, 3. Nays, 7. Motion failed.

Moved by Brey, second by Soeldner, to reduce funding in the Council budget removing \$1,500.00 from volunteer recognition, \$295.00 from registration fees and tuition, \$100.00 from advertising, \$250.00 from automobile mileage, \$300.00 from meals and \$600.00 from lodging, for a total of \$3,045.00. Ayes, 8. Nays, 2. Motion carried.

A stormwater utility was briefly discussed.

Moved by Hennessey, second by Sladky to take whatever steps are necessary to determine how many employees are necessary to get to 1.2 million dollars. Per Mayor Nickels an estimated figure would be 30 employees.

Aldersperson Hennessey retracted her motion.

Moved by Hennessey, second by McMeans to balance the budget with 1.2 million dollars to be subtracted from labor lines by proportionately reducing each department's labor line.

Discussion included asking for concessions from labor with lay offs after that and temporarily borrowing from the general fund.

Vote on the motion: Ayes, 6. Nays, 4. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Able, second by Soeldner, Common Council adjourned at 9:15 p.m to Thursday, December 2, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. Ayes, 10. Nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hudon
City Clerk

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