

Citizens Advisory Committee Notes – 7 November 2017

Members present: Anna Marie Wood, Janet Breuer, Anthony Mack, Rhienna Gabriel, June Kramer, Gloria Wallace, Ed Rappe

Excused: Theresa Collins, Erin Schultz

Guests: Ralph Kramer

- Meeting called to order 4:05 p.m.
- Mayor Nickels on Manitowoc City Budget - 2018
 - A year of rebuilding
 - Seven years ago this was the point the city wanted to reach
 - Undesignated reserves – 3.8 million, 19.9% of revenues, no longer a goal to increase undesignated reserve
 - Still on trend of paying off more debt than we take on
 - Reduced debt by 27 million
 - Want to stabilize how much we pay off in debt
 - Continuing with this current model overall city debt will be down to 40 million by 2024
 - 40 million for a city of our size is normal, debt means the city is constantly working on improvements
- Major road projects
 - Dewey from South 26th to South 10th
 - 2019 Rapid Road
 - 2020-2021 Waldo Blvd.
 - Every major north, south, east, west road will be completed by 2021
 - Calumet Ave from Rapids Rd. to I-43 to be improved
 - East and West Crescent Blvd.
 - Asphalt residential and concrete for major road projects
- Parks improvement
 - Red Arrow
 - Washington
- Other priorities
 - Major dollars for equipment replacement
- Pay as You Go
 - \$200,000 dedicated for ambulance and engine replacement
- Marina
 - \$50,000 dedicated for upgrades
- Carferry Dock
 - \$25,000 dedicated for upgrades
- Now Leasing Vehicles instead of Purchasing
 - \$93,575 pay as you go
- Tax increase of 1.6% over 2017
- Total compensation increase
 - \$407,706 increase over 2017

- Need to fairly compensate employees for their service and dedication
- Projects
 - Professional video of Manitowoc for advertising in all areas
- Library
 - Recommended reopening on Thursday
 - Open seven days a week
- Police Dept.
 - Potential to add up to three through COPS grant
 - Budget would allow for this
- Seasonals
 - Increased staffing by \$15,000 for park restroom cleaning
- Presentation by Alderperson and Committee member Rhienna Gabriel
 - Represents District 10
 - Plans to support the budget for 2018
 - Open Government on city website
 - Can see the city revenues
 - Budget is a responsible budget
 - No street maintenance since 2012
 - Cannot continue on this trend
 - Cost of repair is much less than reconstruction
 - Implementing a 20 year repayment plan
 - More bang for the buck
 - Need to invest in city staff
 - People are paid 7% below state average in dealing with city positions
 - Need to increase our services
 - Dealing with blight is a fixture of the budget
 - Concern for 2019
 - Need to account for fire and emergency medical services
 - Need to reinvest in ambulances and fire trucks so they have the equipment to do their job well
 - Plans to support street improvements with street scapes
 - Think of Two Rivers and the eye appeal
 - Asked the community to support the budget
- Next meeting Dec. 5th
- Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mack
 Committee Chairperson
 7 November 2017
 7:40 p.m.