

**City of Menasha  
Common Council  
2018 Budget Review Session  
First Floor Conference Room  
100 Main Street, Menasha  
Wednesday, November 1, 2017  
MINUTES**

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Merkes at 5:05 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. Roll Call/Excused Absences

Present: Aldermen Nichols, Taylor, Sevenich, Collier, Krueger, Zelinski, Grade, Benner.

Also Present: Mayor Merkes, CDD Buck, ASD Jacobs, FM Sassman, DPW Radomski, DDMO Alix, PW Supt Brown, EA Gordon, Clerk Galeazzi, Bob Mundt (Fox Cities Regional Partnership).

D. People from the Gallery to be heard on matters pertaining to the agenda  
(five (5) minute time limit for each person)

No one spoke.

E. Mayor Merkes – Introduction of 2018 City of Menasha Budget

Mayor Merkes introduced the 2018 budget with a presentation. He explained each department's 2017 accomplishments and 2018 goals. He gave a brief description of what is included in the 2018 budget and how the City's equalized value compares to the State and neighboring communities.

Moved by Ald. Nichols seconded by Ald. Collier that any amendments to the budget should be a minimum of \$1,000.

General discussion ensued on restricting the dollar amount of amendments, and State spending and tax levy limits.

Motion failed on roll call 2-6. Ald. Nichols, Collier voted yes.

Ald. Taylor, Sevenich, Krueger, Zelinski, Grade, Benner voted no.

F. Community Development

CCD Buck reviewed the Community Development budgets.

General discussion ensued on items included in the budget.

Moved by Ald. Zelinski seconded by Ald. Taylor to remove \$3,000 from Community Development-Marketing, \$3,000 from TIF #6-Marketing, \$6,000 from TIF #9-Marketing, and \$6,000 TIF #12-Marketing for membership to Fox Cities Regional Partnership.

Bob Mundt from Fox Cities Regional Partnership explained what the Partnership does to promote the municipalities that are members of the Partnership and other benefits from being a member of the Partnership.

General discussion ensued on the positive and negatives of being a member of the Fox Cities Regional Partnership.

Ald. Taylor stated he will be abstaining until he gets more information.

Motion fails on roll call 2-5. Ald. Krueger, Zelinski voted yes.

Ald. Nichols, Sevenich, Collier, Grade, Benner voted no. Ald. Taylor abstained.

Moved by Ald. Zelinski seconded by Ald. Sevenich to remove \$20,000 from Community Development-Engineering.

General discussion ensued on an engineering study to look at redevelopment of Water Street corridor and/or other sections of the City, and connecting trails to downtown area

Motion failed on roll call 1-7. Ald. Zelinski voted yes.

#### G. Public Works Department

DPW Radomski reviewed the Public Works budgets.

Moved by Ald. Taylor seconded by Ald. Sevenich to bring Aldermen chairs in Council Chambers at 140 Main Street building to Menasha City Center building. General discussion ensued on chairs that were used by Aldermen in the Council Chambers at 140 Main Street.

Motion failed on roll call tie 4-4. Ald. Taylor, Sevenich, Krueger, Zelinski voted yes.

Ald. Nichols, Collier, Grade, Benner voted no.

Mayor Merkes broke the tie and voted no.

Motion failed on roll call 4-5.

General discussion ensued on items included in the budget.

#### H. Information Technology

No action/discussion.

#### I. Adjourn

Moved by Ald. Sevenich seconded by Ald. Taylor to adjourn at 11:11 pm.

Motion carried on voice vote. Ald. Collier voted no.

Deborah A. Galeazzi, WCMC  
City Clerk