

**City of Menasha
Common Council
2018 Budget Review Session
First Floor Conference Room
100 Main Street, Menasha
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
MINUTES**

- A. Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Mayor Merkes at 5:04 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Roll Call/Excused Absences
Present: Aldermen Collier, Zelinski, grade, Nichols, Taylor, Sevenich.
Excused: Aldermen Krueger, Benner
Also Present: Mayor Merkes, CA Captain, FC Kloehn, DFC Voss, AFC Green, LD Lenz, Library Board Members Jim Englebert, Bob Golz, Kathy Wicichowski and Chris VanderHeyden, ASD Jacobs, FM Sassman, HRC Huber, DPW Radomski, PRD Tungate, DDMO Alix, Clerk Galeazzi.
- D. People from the Gallery to be heard on matters pertaining to the agenda (five (5) minute time limit for each person)
Dorothy Dworshok, 617 Fifth Street, Menasha. Comments on 2018 health insurance for changes for retirees.
- E. Library Board
Library Board President Jim Englebert introduced the other members of the Library Board that were present. He stated the accomplishments of the Menasha Library and commented on some of the items in the Library budget.

LD Lenz reviewed the Library's annual report and explained how the Library gets most of their funding. She reviewed the budget and explained the items included in the budget.

General discussion ensued on items in the budget.

Moved by Ald. Nichols seconded by Ald. Grade to increase Library Materials budget by \$5,000 for a total of \$175,000.
General discussion ensued on what type of materials are purchased out of the account, and funding from other entities

Motion carried on roll call 5-1. Ald. Zelinski voted no.
- F. Neenah Menasha Fire Rescue
FC Kloehn gave a brief overview of the highlights of Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue for the past year. He reviewed the 2017 accomplishments and the 2018 goals along.

General discussion ensued on items in the budget.

G. Attorney/Clerk/Elections

CA Captain reviewed the budgets for Attorney, Municipal Court, Clerk and Elections.

General discussion ensued on items in the budgets.

H. Administrative Services

ASD Jacobs reviewed the budgets of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Assessor. He also reviewed the revenues and debt service portions of the budget.

General discussion ensued on items in the budget.

I. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Mayor Merkes and ASD Jacobs reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan for 2018. Mayor Merkes stated he and staff are working on a five year CIP that should be available for review by the Council in 2018.

General discussion ensued on items in the CIP.

Moved by Ald. Zelinski seconded by Ald. Sevenich to remove \$89,000 from Parks CIP.

General discussion ensued on the projects in the vision plan and using money for other projects.

Motion failed on 3-3. Ald. Taylor, Sevenich, Zelinski voted yes. Ald. Nichols, Collier, Grade voted no.

J. Any final 2018 Budget Amendments

General discussion ensued on street projects, and how recycling and refuse collection costs are calculated.

Moved by Ald. Zelinski seconded by Ald. Taylor to include the annual cost of refuse/recycling collection to each property tax bill.

General discussion ensued on how the cost would determine and it could be looked at for next year's tax bill.

Ald. Zelinski and Taylor removed their motion.

K. 2018 Health Insurance for Retirees

ASD Jacobs and HRC Huber provide information on comparison of the 2017 health insurance costs with the proposed 2018 health insurance costs for retirees. They explained the plan being offered to active employees and retirees.

General discussion ensued on the health insurance plans, what retirees are being offered, and the cost to offer retirees the same plan as offered to active employees.

L. Adjourn

Moved by Ald. Taylor seconded by Ald. Zelinski to adjourn at 9:48 p.m.
Motion carried on voice vote.

Deborah A. Galeazzi, WCMC
City Clerk