

CITY OF MENASHA
COMMON COUNCIL
2022 BUDGET REVIEW SESSION
100 MAIN STREET
NOVEMBER 11, 2021
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Merkes at 5:02 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. MOMENT OF SILENCE – VETERANS DAY

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Veteran’s Day.

D. ROLL CALL

Present: Ald. Tom Grade, Ted Grade, Ropella, Nichols, Taylor, Sevenich, Langdon

ABSENT: Ald. Schmidt

ALSO PRESENT: FC Kloehn, FD Sassman, LD Kopetsky, CA/HRD Captain,
HRC Cardoza, Mayor Merkes, Clerk Krautkramer, Deputy Clerk Neuman

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(five (5) minute time limit for each person)

Debbie Galeazzi, 1025 Melissa Street, Menasha. She commented on the need for Badger Books (Electronic Poll Books).

F. ATTORNEY/CLERK/ELECTIONS

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Municipal Court - Page 24

Property Insurance - Page 18 & 263

Elections - Page 22

Personnel/HR - Page 30

Self-Funded Dental - Page 267

Staff commented on the Attorney Budget (Wages, Taxes, Legal Fees), Introduced Kimberly Cardoza | Human Resources Coordinator, the Personnel/HR Budget (Wages & Salaries, Staffing, and the Wellness Program), Property Insurance (Premium increases for various facilitates), Self-Funded Dental, Municipal Court, City Clerk (Wages & Salaries and Registration Fees), and Elections (Number of elections, increased postage costs, increase food vending funding)

General discussion ensued on:

- Outside Legal Services
- Promotional – Wellness Program Funds
- Health Department Wellness Program Assistance
- Property Insurance Estimates
- Municipal Court Deficit & Fees

Staff gave an overview of purchasing Badger Books (Electronic Poll Books) and commented on various purchasing considerations.

General discussion ensued on:

- Badger Book Efficiencies
- Funds Reduction
- Badger Book Lifespan

Moved by Ald. Sevenich seconded by Ald. Ted Grade to reduce account 470-0204-512.80-05 (for the purchase of Electronic Poll Books) from \$31,700 to \$28,600. Motion carried on roll call 7-0.

G. NEENAH-MENASHA FIRE RESCUE

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Emergency Government - Page 76

Staff gave an overview of Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Budget and commented on Fire Response Calls, 2021 Accomplishments, 2022 Goals, and Major Budget Increases and Decreases.

General discussion ensued on:

- Firefighter Recruits Training & Hiring Process
- Software Maintenance
- Overall Budget Increase Percent
- Village of Harrison Calls
- Response Radius
- Gender Gap in Employees
- Drone Usage
- Boundaries for Water and Ice Rescue
- Deputy Chief for Fireworks Permitting
- Gas Leaks
- Fire Truck Purchase

H. ELISHA D. SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library - Page 177

Staff gave an overview of the Library Budget and commented on the ecosystem of learning, the Foundation to Build Upon, Interest Exploration, 21st Century Literacies and Job Skills, Incubation & Expertise, SMITHworks, People & Programs, and Online Platforms.

General discussion ensued on:

- Outreach Efforts
- Partnerships
- Promotional Subaccount Budget Funds
- Programing Subaccount Budget Funds
- Office Furnishings Subaccount Budget Line Item
- Maker Space Room Specifics
- Grant Opportunities
- Maker Space Funding & Learning Opportunities
- After School Programing
- Salary Reductions
- Library Service Offerings

I. DEBT/BORROWING/RECAP

Staff provided a recap on the overall budget including debt and borrowing for capital improvements projects.

General discussion ensued on:

- Jefferson Park Playground Construction Timeline
- Street Borrowing
- Accessible Sidewalks
- Hart Park Cameras & Life Expectancy
- IT Fund Balance
- Microphone Cost
- Public Works Facility Security & Cameras

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ald. Tom Grade seconded by Ald. Sevenich to adjourn at 8:41p.m.
Motion carried on voice vote.

Haley Krautkramer
City Clerk