

CITY OF MENASHA  
COMMON COUNCIL  
2023 BUDGET REVIEW SESSION  
100 MAIN STREET  
NOVEMBER 2, 2022  
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Merkes at 5:03 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ald. Hammond, Schmidt, Tom Grade, Ted Grade, Ropella, Nichols (5:19 p.m.), Eisenach, Sevenich

ALSO PRESENT: PC Styka, DPC Hanchek, LT Albrecht, LT Thorn, LT Schulz, LT Lenss, LT Spiegel, FD Sassman, FM Pearson, HRM Cardoza, CA Struve, Mayor Merkes, Clerk Krautkramer

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

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

E. MAYOR MERKES – INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 CITY OF MENASHA BUDGET

Mayor Merkes provided an overview of the 2023 City Budget and commented on each Departments goals and accomplishments for 2023 and commented on population & demographics, equalized value, budget basics, general fund reserve, general obligation debt, levy limits, major review comparisons, tax levy, Menasha equalized tax rate, 2023 equalized tax rates of area communities, cost of living, Department Highlights – 2022 accomplishments and 2023 goals (Community Development, Finance-Assessor-IT, Police, Health – Senior Center, Mayor-Common Council, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Attorney-HR-Clerk-Elections, Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue, Library, and Budget Workshop Schedule.

General discussion ensued on **Stans first comment** and equalized tax rates.

F. POLICE

Staff provided an overview of the Police Department budget and commented on 2022 Accomplishments, Violent Crime figures, Property Crime figures, offenses by agency, flock cameras, Leadership Police Organization (professional development), Community Engagement opportunities, full staffing, updated hiring processes, Taser7 transition, researched red dot optics, training, hybrid squad cars, Wellness Program expansion, 2022 budget figures, budget vs. actual estimates, 2023 budget, previous budgets, borrowing items, 2023 goals, 2023 budget expenses, overtime, and crossing guard program, Auxiliary Police Unit, and jail and animal shelter.

General discussion ensued on:

- Flock cameras,
- Grant opportunities
- Crossing guard rate of pay
- CSO used as crossing guards
- CSO to full-time police officers
- Hybrid vehicles life expectancy and maintenance
- School Resource Officer Program

- Overtime

#### G. MAYOR/COMMON COUNCIL

Staff provided an overview of the Mayor/Common Council budget and commented on 2023 budgetary changes.

General discussion ensued on budgetary funds for community events.

#### G. ATTORNEY/HUMAN RESOURCES/CLERK/ELECTIONS

Staff provided an overview of the Attorney/Human Resources/Clerk/Elections budgets and commented on Attorney Budget ( , Human Resources ( , Clerk ( , Elections (

General discussion ensued on legal service budget funds, lodging and meal funds, salary study, City of Menasha benefits to employees, in-house salary study, salary study differences from area communities, polling places changes,

#### H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ald. Sevenich seconded by Ald. Tom Grade to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.  
Motion carried on voice vote.

Haley Krautkramer  
City Clerk