

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM, at City Hall. Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The following members of council and city departments were present: Troy Roundy, Neil Fandrich, Chase Pederson, Doug Smith, Abigail Geroux, Jason Wolsky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast

Absent: Councilmen Tyler Hoggarth and Trygg Olson and Attorney Ryan.

A public hearing on the 2024 budget was held. No members from the public were present and the hearing remained open. Mayor Erdmann moved on to other agenda items.

Chief Bittmann requested additional pay for the police department. Discussion was held on retention and recruitment in the police department.

Auditor Gast presented four options for certifying the levy. The options included a tax increase of 5.56%, two options with a tax increase of 1.19% with two different General Fund year end balances due to moving some road expenses to a different fund, and a tax decrease of 2.61%. Option number 2 was favored, with a tax increase of 1.19% which includes moving \$40,000 in road expenses to a new legacy highway distribution fund and projects a General Fund year-end balance of approximately \$124,000.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Roundy, to approve the 2024 Budget utilizing option #2 as presented. The following voted in favor: Smith, Fandrich, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to certify the levies at a total of 93.09 mills (option #2) as follows:

General Fund	\$676,696.10
Library	\$47,405.00
Carrington Airport	\$39,293.00
Debt Service Funds: Hwy Bonds '09	<u>\$39,000.00</u>
Total Amount Levied	\$802,394.10

The following voted in favor: Pederson, Roundy, Fandrich, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget was closed.

There being no further business on the special meeting agenda, Roundy made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pederson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Jennifer Gast, City Auditor

Thomas Erdmann, Mayor