



***Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 23, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Fillmore Conference Room – Thurber Building***

1. Committee of the Whole, October 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
 - a. Notes from the August 28, 2023, Committee of the Whole
 - b. Capital Improvements Finance Program Update – Mike Bubany
 - c. 2024 Budget – Tax Levy Discussion

Committee of the Whole Meeting Notes

August 28, 2023

Council Members Present: Mayor John McBroom, Councilors Paul Novotny, Pam Bluhm, Mike Urban, Josh Broadwater and Dave Frank.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Beth Carlson, Michele Peterson, Steven Schlichter, Desiree Schlichter, Chris Geisen, Kay Wangen, Monica Erickson, Gretchen Lovejoy-Mensink, Brian Burkholder, Craig Britton, and Joel Young.

The Committee of the Whole met on Monday, August 28, 2023.

Review preliminary 2024 Budget: The committee reviewed the preliminary tax levy for 2024, which would require an increase of 5.873% if adopted as presented. This proposed levy includes a 4.00% pay grid increase, and an additional Public Works Employee for the entire year. The 2014A Debt Service is reduced by \$21,000 and the 2017A Debt Service is reduced by \$35,000 due to the Small Cities Assistance.

There will be an increase in the Market Value Exclusion rates which will cause the City to lose Tax Capacity and will result in an increase in the tax rate of some amount.

Two TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Districts are being decertified. This decertification will add approximately \$150,000 in tax capacity which is approximately the equivalent to a 6% increase in tax levy.

Berm work for Enterprise Drive: There is an excess of \$58,000 in sale of lots for Enterprise Drive. Perhaps the city should be proactive and use a portion of this money to build a berm and add trees later to help build a screen between the residential area and commercial area. Griffin Construction has given an estimate of under \$40,000 to do the work. Needed dirt can be brought over from the street project.

Adjournment at 6:27 p.m.



**2024 Preliminary Budget
Budget at a Glance - Council 09/25/2023**

GENERAL FUND	Oper/Trans	Revenues
Ad Valorem-31010		\$ 1,899,325
LGA / PERA Aid-33401		\$ 949,457
Interest Income-36210		\$ 14,000
General Services Transfer In-34020		\$ 128,792
41100- Legislative Dept.	\$ 70,836	
41200- Historical Society	\$ 900	
41410- Elections	\$ 8,400	
41500- Clerk/Finances	\$ 559,921	\$ 15,675
41910- Planning & Zoning	\$ 73,450	\$ 1,505
41940- Municipal Buildings	\$ 85,200	\$ 1,100
42110- Police Department	\$ 755,831	\$ 63,850
42400- Building Code	\$ 26,200	\$ 16,525
42500- Civil Defense	\$ 2,450	
42700- Animal Control	\$ 360	\$ 1,500
43100- Street Maintenance	\$ 627,868	\$ 7,000
45120- Summer Recreation	\$ 4,300	
45124- Swimming Pool	\$ 183,820	\$ 94,170
45180- Band	\$ 1,600	
45200- Parks	\$ 223,598	\$ 1,950
46323- Heritage Preservation	\$ 18,105	\$ 500
46630- Community Development	\$ 24,688	\$ 10,475
Transfer to Library Fund	\$ 204,880	
Transfer to Ambulance Fund	\$ 79,300	
Transfer to EDA	\$ 78,517	
Transfer to Fire Dept.	\$ 70,000	
Transfer to WWTP DS 335	\$ -	
Center for the Arts	\$ 90,000	
Transfer to CCTV	\$ 15,600	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,205,824	\$ 3,205,824

Debt Service		
332-Wtr Twr (2027)	2012A	\$ -
334-Twfrd/Bnch (2025)	2014A	\$ 42,000
335-WWTP (2028)	2016A	\$ 102,000
338-Enterprise Drive (2028)	2017A	\$ -
340-Pool (2039)	2018A	\$ 317,000
342-Street Lights (2027)	2019A	\$ 38,000
343-Wtr Storm (2043)	2022A	\$ -
344-PW Facility (2043) 2025First	2022B	\$ -
323-Grand Prospect St	2023A	\$ 190,000
Total Debt Service		\$ 689,000

Total Preliminary Levy	\$ 2,588,325
Percent Increase over 2023	5.873%