

**CITY OF NEW BERLIN
PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Wednesday, June 06, 2007**

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee of the Whole at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Chiovero called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Present were Aldermen Augustine, Seidl, Harena, Poshepny, Moore and Ament. Alderman Hopkins arrived at 7:23 PM. Also present were: City Clerk Marilyn Gauger, Park Recreation & Forestry Director Mark Schroeder, Community Development Director Greg Kessler, Planning Services Manager Nicki Jones, Finance Director Mike Holzinger, Fire Chief Ed Dobernig, City Assessor Paul Koller, Police Chief Joe Rieder, Human Resource Director Tami Potkay, IT Director Nick Roethel, Facilities Maintenance Director Bob Schulpus, Streets Supervisor Don Ullman, Mayor's Executive Assistant Karen Nork, Human Resources Clerk Jan Gehr, Human Resources Safety Administrator Pat Herrmann, Utility and Streets Office Coordinator Sue Hanley, Municipal Court Office Administrator Mary Ann Rozman, Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Schulpus, Inspection Services Division Clerk Lori Schulpus and Mayor's Intern Eric Ennocenti.

This meeting was noticed on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

- **DISCUSS AND GIVE DIRECTION TO MAYOR AND DEPARTMENT HEADS ON THE CITY'S 2008 BUDGET**

Mayor Chiovero referred to documents given to Aldermen and staff titled "2006 Budget Year End Projection and 2008-2010 Forecasts dated April 9, 2007. He asked the Aldermen to refer to page 7 that indicates there is a \$1.5 Million dollar shortfall/deficit based on the Finance Director's 2% projection. Based on the City's debt service the budget could reflect an increase above the 2% because the State calculations provide for an adjustment for debt service authorized after July 1, 2005. Based on the 2006 Audit Report the City is strong and had favorable results for 2006.

Mayor Chiovero indicated Elhers and Associates plan from last year indicated we could do short term borrowing however the council was not comfortable with that. He asked that Council give direction to the staff understanding that some expenditures we have no control over. Even with a 4% increase we would be over a million short. Discussion followed on: operational and debt service tax levies, the state budget, gas prices, state mandates and decrease in state funding. The Mayor indicated the New Berlin School District may charge the City for recreational program use.

Mayor opened it up for discussion by Aldermen:

The following is a summary - Alderman Moore indicated he would start at 4%. Alderman Harena indicated we need to reduce or go to the taxpayers. Need Department Heads to put something together preliminarily at a 0% increase. Alderman Hopkins, if we say 0% increase we need to know what will be the effect on each Department and Alderman Ament indicated could freeze 2008 using 2007 and we (the Aldermen) can not determine where to cut in each Department. The Department Heads know where the cuts can be made. A 2nd option would be a 2%. 3rd option what we could come up with.

Motion by Alderman Ament that we look at 2 options: 1st option 0% over the 2007 to 2008 with exception of planned increased for Fire Department Paramedic Program (could be with or without debt service) and the 2nd option 2% levy limit increase plus the debt service. Seconded by Alderman Harena.

Alderman Hopkins asked for a friendly amendment to add 3rd option: 4% levy limit plus debt service. Alderman Harena was okay with adding the 3rd option.

Upon voting, motion carried with Alderman Moore voting no.

ADJOURN

Motion by Alderman Ament to adjourn at 8:56 PM. Seconded by Alderman Seidl and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Marilyn Gauger, CMC/WCMC
City Clerk