

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF NEW BERLIN  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 20, 2006  
5:00 PM**

**NEW BERLIN CITY HALL  
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
3805 SOUTH CASPER DRIVE**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Jack F Chiovaturo called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM.

**ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE**

Present: Aldermen Hopkins, Gallagher, Harenda, Hegeman, Moore and Ament. Alderman Augustine arrived at 5:15 PM.

Others Present: Director of Community Development Greg Kessler, City Engineer JP Walker, Director of Parks Recreation and Forestry Mark Schroeder, Accounting Manager Ralph Chipman, IT Director Nick Roethel, City Clerk Marilyn Gauger, Police Chief Steve Morris, Librarian Katie Schulz, Fire Chief Ed Dobernig, Fire Department Office Coordinator Deb Delikat, Assessor Paul Koller, Human Resource Director Tami Potkay, Maintenance Facilities Director Bob Schulpus, Streets Supervisor Don Ullman, Utilities and Streets Office Coordinator Sue Hanley, Planning Services Manager Nikki Jones, Police Captain Frank Zsohar and Stormwater Engineer Eric Nitschke.

**REVIEW, DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT  
PROPOSED 2006 BUDGETS:**

➤ **PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY/4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY COMMISSION/NBAA**

*Alderman Augustine arrived at this time – 5:15 PM.*

**Parks**

Increase from \$705,615 to \$719,311. Due mainly to fuel and maintenance costs.

**Recreation**

Increase from \$478,513 to \$484,136. Due mainly to the swim program costs.

**Administration**

Increase from \$273,853 to \$284,403. Due mainly to wages and benefits. Also the credit card fee is up \$1,500. Will check on the percent they are paying for fees – should be same as courts which is 2.25%.

**NBAA** – 0% increase.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission** – 0% increase.

➤ **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Increase from \$970,556 to \$1,006,824.

Contracted services up – lighting from old library and price of gas, sprinklers, fire extinguishers, elevators, etc. Electricity is down – no anticipation in rate increase. Heating and gas is increased and wages and benefits are down due to going from a fulltime to a part time employee. Director Schulpus installed and utilized a waste oil burner which saved dollars. More work being done in house therefore supplies increased.

➤ **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Increase from \$22,179 to \$25,134.

Mayor Chiovaturo indicated the new sirens up and running which require additional electricity and

maintenance service contracts and telephone costs. Pagers were eliminated.

### **Weights and Measures**

This amount is \$7,200, same as 2006 and set by the State.

City Clerk will check into a charge back fee to businesses and bring forth to Council.

### **Landmarks Commission**

This amount is \$2,300, same as 2006.

### **Public Fire Protection**

This amount is \$684,996, same as 2006.

This amount is set by the Public Service Commission for water utility having ability to fight fires (fire hydrants). The entire City pays this even the western part of the City which does not have utilities. A tanker still fills up at a hydrant for the western part of the city.

#### ➤ **SPECIAL REVENUES**

Mayor Chiovaturo reviewed the revenues indicating where increases, decreases and why.

#### ➤ **WATER UTILITY/WASTEWATER UTILITY/WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

No action required.

Alderman Ament indicated this proposed 2007 Budget is a 2.85% increase and should go back to the Mayor and staff. Mayor Chiovaturo indicated based on an average home assessed at \$240,000 the dollar increase for the city tax portion is \$51.57. The levy increase is \$1,085,829 which is within the amount allowed.

### **FORWARD 2007 OPERATING BUDGET TO COMMON COUNCIL**

Motion by Alderman Gallagher to forward the Proposed 2007 Operating Budget to Common Council with the Operating budget at \$32,027,331; Tax levy at \$21,735,635 and the Tax Rate At \$5.1399. Seconded by Alderman Moore.

Motion amended by Alderman Augustine to reduce the budget for Streets, Acct #54190 Gas, Oil, Lubricants from \$527,500 down to \$424,000. Seconded by Alderman Hegeman.

Alderman Gallagher withdrew his motion to forward to Council and Alderman Moore withdrew his second.

Motion by Alderman Moore to table the reduction of the fuel for Streets. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and carried with Aldermen Augustine, Gallagher and Harenda voting no.

Motion by Alderman Augustine to freeze the Police Department 2007 Proposed Budget at \$9,051,687 which is the 2006 Estimated. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher.

Motion amended by Alderman Gallagher if freeze for the Police Department approved, Common Council has discretion on what services are cut. Seconded by Alderman Augustine and carried with Alderman Hopkins voting no.

Upon voting on original motion to freeze the Police Department at the 2006 Estimated with Common Council discretion on what services are cut, motion carried with Alderman Moore and Alderman Hopkins voting no.

Motion by Alderman Augustine to remove motion to reduce the fuel for Streets off the table. Seconded by Alderman Harenda and carried with Alderman Moore voting no.

Motion amended by Alderman Hegeman to set fuel at \$3.25 per gallon resulting in the budget line item being \$458,500 (\$69,000 out). Seconded by Alderman Augustine and carried with Alderman Gallagher, Alderman Moore and Alderman Ament voting no.

Upon voting on original motion to reduce budget for Streets, Acct #54190 to \$458,500, motion carried with Alderman Gallagher, Alderman Moore and Alderman Ament voting no.

Accounting Manager Ralph Chipman indicated the levy is now at \$21,272,344; levy increase of \$622,538 over prior year with is a 3.02% increase; with a Tax rate \$5.0303 an increase of .1009 cents from last year or 2.05%. Based on a \$240,000 average assessed home it equates to a \$24.60 increase for the City portion of the taxes.

Alderman Harenda moved to reduce the Information Technology budget Acct #59010 New Equipment to an amount of \$146,094 from \$203,760 (\$19,166 ePackets but leaving \$2,500 for a pilot and \$38,500 out of the budgeted \$77,000 for computers). Seconded by Alderman Hegeman.

Motion amended by Alderman Moore to restore the \$38,500 to purchase all the computers needed. Motion died lack of second.

Upon voting on the original motion to reduce Information Technology budget Acct #59010 New Equipment to \$146,194, motion carried with Alderman Moore voting no.

Motion by Alderman Harenda to reduce Information Technology budget Acct #54080 Leases-Equipment-Copiers by \$11,313 from \$99,045 resulting in an \$87,732 budget. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher and carried with Alderman Moore voting no.

Motion by Alderman Harenda to reduce Engineering budget Acct #52030 Contracted Services by \$15,000 from \$30,000 resulting in a \$15,000 budget. Seconded by Alderman Hegeman and carried with Alderman Hopkins, Alderman Moore and Alderman Gallagher voting no.

There was discussion on the \$34,145 budget in Utility and Streets for a shared fulltime employee.

Motion by Alderman Gallagher to reduce by 15% Common Council budget Acct #50020 Salary Part Time from \$49,600 to \$42,250 and Acct #54280 Business Expenses from \$21,000 to \$17,850 for a total \$10,500 reduction. Motion fails lack of a second.

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to refer budget to Common Council. Seconded by Hegeman. Motion and seconded withdrawn.

Motion by Alderman Ament to reduce Park and Recreation Administration budget Acct #54300 Conference/Seminar/Meeting to \$2,800 from \$3,800. Seconded by Alderman Harenda. Motion and seconded withdrawn.

Motion by Alderman Ament to reduce Engineering budget Acct #54300 Conference/Seminar/Meeting to \$4,000 from \$6,000. Seconded by Alderman Harenda and motion failed with Alderman Harenda and Alderman Ament voting yes.

Motion by Alderman Ament to reduce Mayor budget Acct #54270 Membership Dues to \$3,288 from \$3,813. Motion failed lack of a second.

Accounting Manager Ralph Chipman indicated the levy is now \$21,188,365 which is an increase of 2.61% from last year; a Tax Rate of \$5.0105 which is an increase of .0811 cents or 1.65%. Based on a \$240,000 average assessed home it equates to a \$19.95 increase for the City portion of the taxes.

#### **FORWARD 2007 CIP BUDGET TO COMMON COUNCIL**

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve the Operating Budget as stated and send to Common Council. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher and carried with Alderman Ament voting no.

#### **SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR 2007 BUDGETS/TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2006 AT 7PM**

No action taken.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Alderman Augustine to adjourn at 8:54 PM. Seconded by Alderman Hegeman and

carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Marilyn Gauger, CMC/WCMC  
City Clerk