

City of Bayfield Common Council

Bayfield City Hall, 125 South First Street, Bayfield, WI 54814 *715-779-5712

Special Meeting - Monday, October 23, 2017 – 8:00 am

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Ringberg called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. at the Bayfield City Hall followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jon Nelson, James Bryan, Sharon Johnson, Sheryl Burkel and Mayor Ringberg

Others: Dionne Johnston, Billie Hoopman, John Fangman, Tom Kovachevich

Approve Agenda: Bryan/Jonson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Carried.

Approve the previous minutes of October 9, 2017: Burkel/Nelson moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of October 9, 2017 as presented. Carried.

Public Input on Agenda Items: None

Agenda

1. 2018 City of Bayfield Proposed Budget(s) & Capital Improvement Projects

Staff provided the Council with three Budgets for review.

Budget 1 – Unbalanced; off \$110,314.39.

Budget 2 – Balanced; assumes \$37,000 will be added to levy for GO Debt.

Budget 3 – Balanced; assumes \$70,324.39 will be added to the levy for GO Debt.

Discussion ensued about the levy limit, ability to add General Obligation debt to the levy, going to referendum to increase the levy, and the changes to the tax system in the foreseeable future. A great deal of discussion ensued on the needs for the City and the fact the tax levy has not been increased in any significant way for more than a decade. This is also compounded by other State and Federal changes to the law that have either reduced revenue or increased costs.

The Council reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects listed and discussed the needs of the City going forward. Almost all departments/enterprise facilities have large projects in the works. The marina is in need of significant work to the breakwall, Dock A and the outer area of the East Dock Park. The Pavilion deck needs to be replaced and a kitchen upgrade is sorely needed. The Courthouse needs to consider building upgrades as well as a new parking lot. The list is endless.

The Council questioned whether Budget #3 was too extreme?

A recommendation was made by Bryan to create a Budget #4, whereby we reduce the CIP's by \$40,000 by removing the loader, adding \$5000 back for P. Works Part-time Labor and adding \$36,000 to the Levy for GO debt. PWD Kovachevich noted his concerns about removing the Loader; increased cost for maintenance, the need for tires now estimated at \$10,000 and worry if it goes down during the winter season. The current loader is 16-17 years old.

Burkel/Bryan made a motion to move forward with Budget #3, but reduce the CIP's by \$40,000 by removing the loader, add \$5000 back for Public Works Part-time Labor and add \$36,000 to the Levy for GO Debt. Motion failed up roll call vote. Nelson-no, Bryan-yes, Johnson-no and Burkell-no.

Nelson/Burkel made a motion to add the full GO Debt to the City's 2018 Budget. Discussion. Motion failed upon roll call vote: Bryan-no, Johnson-no, Burkell-no and Nelson-no.

Chief Fangman described the situation with the old squad and the components for the new proposed squad car.

Nelson/Burkel made a motion to move forward with Budget #3, but to eliminate the Riding Lawn mower in the amount of \$13,000 from the Public Works Capital Improvement Requests and to lower the General Obligation Debt. amount by the same or to \$57,324.39. Carried by voice vote; all ayes.

Bryan commented that transfers from Enterprise Businesses is an ongoing area of concern.

2. Set Next Meeting and required Budget Public Hearing Date(s)

The next Council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 4 p.m. The required Budget Public Hearing will be held at this time. Due to the date falling late into the month the idea is to eliminate the need for the December Meeting.

Adjournment: Bryan/Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Carried. (9:13 a.m.)

Minutes by: Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk