



City of Independence

Agenda

**City Budget Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
Civic Center - Council Chambers**

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Meeting Attendance Information:

The Budget Committee will hold this meeting in-person in City Hall Council Chambers, via video conference (Zoom) or by phone. Meetings are also live-streamed on the City's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofIndependenceOR>.

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2025\26 Budget Calendar

DATE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVENT
1/31/2025	Budget Officer	Budget Worksheets distributed
2/11/2025	City Council	Approve Calendar/Appoint Budget Officer
3/21/2025	Staff	Draft CIP Completed (PW is completed - need other facilities)
3/21/2025	Staff	All Narratives and completed Budget Worksheets due to Budget Officer
3/31-4/4/2025	City Manager/Finance Director/Staff	Meetings to balance budget requests overall
4/11/2025	Budget Officer	Draft Budget completed and provided to Department Heads for final review
4/16/2025	Staff	Final staff Budget Changes before distribution to Budget Committee
4/4/2025	Budget Officer/City Recorder	Publish notice of Budget Committee Meeting on website at least 10 days prior to meeting
4/11/2025	Budget Officer/City Recorder	Publish notice of budget committee meeting 5 to 30 days before the hearing
4/16/2025	Finance Director/Budget Committee	Budget Committee Orientation/Training
4/23/2025	Budget Committee	Budget Committee Meeting
4/30/2025	Budget Committee	Budget Committee Meeting (additional as needed)
5/7/2025	Budget Committee	Budget Committee Meeting (additional as needed)
5/14/2025	Budget Committee	Budget Committee Meeting (additional as needed)
5/21/2025	Budget Committee	Budget Committee Approval of budget
6/4/2025	Budget Officer	Publish notice of budget hearing 5 to 30 days before the hearing
6/10/2025	City Council	Budget Hearing/Adopt Budget/Approve Appropriations/Impose & Categorize Tax Levy(s)
6/30/2025	City Council	Adoption Deadline
7/15/2025	City Recorder	Tax Certifications to County Assessor
9/30/2025	City Recorder	Budget to County Clerk



City of Independence

City Budget Committee Meeting

Monday, April 22, 2024

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor John McArdle.

ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTIONS

City Council

John McArdle
Shannon Corr
Sarah Jobe
Kate Schwarzler
Marilyn Morton
Dawn Roden

Resident Members

Bill Boisvert
Nathan Christensen
Miranda Garrison
Jessica Porter
Alex Paraskevas
Erin Seiler

Staff present:

Kenna West, Rob Moody, Nikki Ditchen, Gerald Fisher, Fred Evander, Shawn Irvine, Natascha Adams, Patrick Bodily, Bob Mason, Jason Kistler, Amanda Christensen, Lyle Gilbert, Emmanuel Goicochea

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Mayor McArdle announced the meeting will have a scheduled ending time this evening at 8:30 pm.
- b. Nathan Christensen announced a potential conflict of interest, as his wife is an employee at the museum. He replied to Roden's question that funding/not funding the museum is a possible financial benefit/detriment to a family member.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bill Boisvert was unanimously elected Chair of the Committee.

Miranda Garrison was selected unanimously as Secretary for the Committee.

REVIEW OF AGENDA AND BUDGET CALENDAR

Rob Moody presented an overview of the Budget Calendar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Morton moved to approve minutes of 05-10-2023 and 05-17-2023 as presented; Erin Seiler seconded. Motion passed with all present voting aye; none opposed.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Moody presented an overview of this year's budget message. He worked through the main points of the budget message and what was needed moving forward to make the budget sustainable.

Moody addressed a question from the prior training regarding staff requests. When an individual member requests an analysis for a specific item, the request must be approved by the group, and there must be a consensus among the group members before proceeding with the preparation of the analysis.

Roden asked why we transfer into the general fund from sewer and water; Moody explained it is like the city paying a franchise fee for services. Paraskevas asked historically what is the percent; Fisher replied 7 % for water, sewer and stormwater to the general fund.

Department presentations:

Moody presented the Administration budget, two big changes from previous year:

- decrease in contract services;
- reallocation to personnel services; for example, city manager time. Numbers can be found in Appendix 4.

Morton asked about the sale of surplus property; if city was to build new recreation facility with a pool, could the city sell the land that the old pool was on; he stated that staff does not know how we came to own the land and any requirements.

Porter asked about the big change in the dues and memberships like item in all departments. Moody explained that items are allocated directly to the specific department including IT subscriptions and that is the reason for the change in that line from one year to another.

Ditchen gave an overview of the Finance Department; a new cash receipting platform is budgeted; personnel services increased due to hiring of a finance director; training costs increased; expenses were reallocated across funds based on analysis.

Morton asked about the training increase. Moody described how the training budget was not allocated to all staff in the past and this is reflecting a new training strategy for all finance staff. Discussion of utilities increases.

Porter stated that Brandt's will have an increase and now with the city wanting to charge \$27 a month, it will be hard for all the additional charges for households.

Christensen gave a presentation of the HR budget; no significant changes. She was asked if the city is using a third party provider for Paid Leave Oregon, to which she replied it is. Councilor Morton asked about employee recognition and recruiting; all through her department.

Kistler presented the IT budget to the group; it is basically the same, with exception of small tools & equipment, utilities-telephone and dues and memberships, explaining the increases. Mayor McArdle stated that the Central School District was hit by ransomware earlier this year and he wanted to publicly thank Jason Kistler for the work he did to help resolve that situation. Discussion of allocations.

Irvine presented the Economic Development budget, noting it proposes to stay the same with small increases. Professional services would be going to help remove barriers to extend utilities to properties on Hoffman, west of the airport. Discussion of budget related to Central Talmadge plan.

Budget committee members asked about personnel services decrease; Irvine – due to reallocation. economic development; the Marquis jobs lost, what doing to replace; what doing to utilize industrial land, such as semiconductor business. Irvine – a number of programs for funding of infrastructure needed to develop industrial property.

Mason presented the Police Department budget, noting it is similar to the past, going over the key points in the budget. Corr asked about dog licenses enforcement; Mason talked about the process.

Porter asked about the increase in salary and benefits; Moody stated the increase was to cover step increases and cost of benefits.

Porter asked about the \$5,700 for donations; Mason said this is for a matching program. The city started a fund with the MICF in memory of Officer Lloyd; officers can voluntarily opt to donate \$25 and the city will match.

Discussion of positions; no new positions will be added, but there will be replacements (Chief Mason, for example). Further discussion of positions.

General discussion on combining Monmouth and Independence police departments, including what would have to happen to make something like this happen. Would it save money; at this time no analysis has been done. Corr what do we do to get this process rolling; West stated that council would need to direct staff and funds would need to be allocated.

Seiler asked to have a better outline of background behind the public safety fee. Why do we need it? Also asked if money will be available for COLAs, etc. Moody noted normally that would be covered by contingency, but our contingency situation is not at best. West stated that we are at 2017-2018 staffing levels for police; in comparison to

the national average we are 7 officers down. We are fully staffed with what we can afford, not what we need.

Jobe asked if replacement of positions was factored in; Moody stated they have.

Ditchen presented the Municipal Court budget and noted there are no significant changes. Corr asked why we have a municipal court; Moody stated there is no statutory requirement for a city to have a court. Mason gave an overview of why we have municipal court and what it is for.

Evander presented the Community Development budget overview, noting grant projects for the next year. Roden asked about the trolley specifically - how much would we have to charge for the trolley to be self-sustaining? Evander said we would really have to consider what that would cost. They would like to use grant funds to keep it free. Roden stated she would like to see stable funding for the trolley. Seiler noted that \$3 million went to Monmouth and asked when it runs out; staff replied that we will have service through June 30, 2025. Seiler asked if conversations are going on with state and Connect Oregon and is the city pursuing the funds; Evander replied that we are looking at all funds. Irvine reported that we have submitted funding requests at the federal level.

A recess was declared at 7:40 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 7:51 pm.

The following department heads provided an overview of the following general fund budgets:

- Moody – Building Department
- Christensen – Janitorial Department
- Bodily – Library
- Adams – Museum.

Corr asked why liability insurance increased for the library and museum; Moody replied that adjustments had been made and cost has increased.

Seiler asked what has been done for the levy to set it up for success; Moody replied that we haven't gotten to that point yet and will go at the first opportunity that makes sense. Seiler would want to be a part of the conversation moving forward.

Roden asked if there is a way of generating operational revenue from the museum. Adams said that they have school groups come because it's free; if we charge we could not do those programs.

- Fisher – Parks operations and maintenance
- Moody – Non-departmental. Reviewed transfers out, debt service payments and transfer to Tourism & Events fund. Review of contingency reduction.

- Fisher – Public Works Funds:
 - Water Department. Porter noted an increase for personnel and benefits; Fisher noted hiring a new position and no longer contracting with an outside vendor.
 - Sewer Department
 - Stormwater Department
 - Streets Department
 - Water SDC
 - Sewer SDC
 - Stormwater SDC
 - Transportation SDC
 - Parks SDC
 - Parks Capital Reserve. Roden asked if grants would reduce the SDC we would have to use; Fisher replied yes.

ADJOURNMENT

McArdle moved to recess the meeting, to reconvene on May 1st at 6:30 pm; Morton seconded. Motion passed with all present voting aye; none opposed.

Meeting recessed at 8:36 pm.



City of Independence

City Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Chair Bill Boisvert.

ROLL CALL

City Council

John McArdle
Shannon Corr
Sarah Jobe
Kate Schwarzler
Marilyn Morton
Dawn Roden

Resident Members

Bill Boisvert
Nathan Christensen
Miranda Garrison
Jesica Porter
Alex Paraskevas
Erin Seiler

Staff present:

Kenna West, Karin Johnson, Rob Moody, Nikki Ditchen, Gerald Fisher, Fred Evander, Shawn Irvine, Natascha Adams, Patrick Bodily, Bob Mason, Jason Kistler, Amanda Christensen, Lyle Gilbert, Emmanuel Goicochea

Nathan Christensen made disclosure of a potential conflict of interest; his wife is a part-time employee at the Independence Museum.

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE QUESTIONS

City Manager West reported that simple ones were distributed via email.

She then explained how M5/50 has affected the city, using a household as an analogy. Porter asked if it will change any time soon; City Manager West reported the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) is taking this on as an organization-wide priority. All cities are struggling, at a tipping point. Roden suggested the city should own that they took on debt, including for city hall; it should have pared down spending. Moody noted that the debt on the building is shared 50/50 between URA and the city. We also have outstanding debt on urban renewal, for projects related to Indy Landing – property taxes are paying that annually. MINET debt payments were unable to be made by MINET, so the cities did. MINET is making their payments now.

Questions:

Porter:

- asked about the \$27 fee, if in the budget; Moody said it would have to be an amendment to the budget.
- asked if they had looked at the implications of implementing \$17 first year \$10 second year, to which Moody replied the general fund would have an ending fund balance of \$200,000 less the first year.

- asked about the fee per customer; is it per account; Moody said should be per customer account. Still some refinement to be done.

Roden:

- Believes the city could make the museum private, not for profit? Moody stated someone/some organization would have to come from outside the city - if the city would unfund it, someone else would have to create a not-for-profit.
- Could the city do the sale with lease back? Moody said this would be a potential option.
- Regarding the city grant writer - how much writing on funding requests? How many cities our size have an economic development department and a grant writer? Moody replied that out of 9 comparators, 7 have an economic development department or a staff person that does that function within the community development department; he could not find grant writer position.
- How much time does PW spend on time at museum; Moody stated the facilities dept does. There is no current allocation from facilities to museum; we do not have data at this point.
- The outstanding balance on museum loan is \$413,000. Why does the museum serve 6 school districts that don't pay taxes; can we make them pay? Moody noted this would be a policy decision.
- The library costs more than several departments combined; asked what other cities spend. Moody found 3 other cities to compare with; we are not out of scale with other organizations. Roden - Library spending per user – not able to find.
- Why are we funding a light signal at 7th Street; shouldn't we wait. Fisher noted there is money in a revenue line item; either a developer or the state will be providing funding.
- Trolley – how much time / money is spent on funding the trolley? City Manager West noted we don't track this.

Boisvert acknowledged written comment from Kevin Cassidy submitted at last meeting and distributed to committee members this evening.

BUDGET PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

Special Revenues:

Economic Development Loan Fund:

Irvine explained the funds for loan fund originally came from a business assistance grant program, and as local loans were paid back, they became part of this fund.

Travel & Entertainment:

Irvine summarized the uses of the fund and the revenue sources. Questions/answers followed, with different scenarios of new fees or elimination of events.

Grants Fund:

Moody reported this was established to have a central place to record grant monies coming in. Federal grants are accounting for ARPA funds. Offset in water operations and transportation. We are only budgeting grants we know we have; will budget new grants when awarded.

Facilities Vehicles & Equipment Replacement Fund

Fisher reviewed line items. Discussion of police vehicle replacement.

GF Equipment Fund

Moody noted this fund is closed, shows up per budget rules.

IT Equipment Fund

Kistler reported we will be closing this fund.

Capital Projects Fund

Fisher reported this is a clearinghouse for street projects.

Debt Service Funds.

Ditchen reported these are Urban Renewal funds in the city; we will have a URA meeting following. Funds come from property taxes; used to repay loans within the city. She then gave an explanation of contingency in Urban Renewal.

HEARINGS:

- 1. Proposed Use of State Revenue Sharing.** Hearing opened. Moody explained the purpose of hearing; to hear comment about city's proposed use of these funds. Opened for public comment – none received.

- 2. Proposed Budget Hearing**
 - a. Erin McIntosh, lives in Henry Hill neighborhood. The pool closing has negatively impacted the neighborhood, and hopes it will come back. Wanted to reiterate that there is a 2040 Vision; we are a small town, to consider that when bringing things in. Not many low density areas left.
 - b. Written testimony received and distributed:
 - i. John Conley
 - ii. Cathy McLean
 - iii. Kevin Cassidy.

Hearings closed.

Recess declared at 7:42 pm

Meeting reconvened at 7:52 pm

Moody reported that in looking at information on the library; when looking at per capita funding, we rank 60th of 136th. Expenditures per capita, rank 45th; expenditures overall rank 59th.

The budget committee then had roundtable discussion, giving members the opportunity to speak, ask questions:

Porter asked who is responsible to impose fees on Independence events; West asked staff if it was policy or staff level originally; Irvine thinks policy, but no formal decision; talked about generally. Corr noted that council decided on no fees at the museum and the Independence Days commission decided on fees. Porter asked if we were to charge fees for all summer events, if it would help with the \$27 fee? Moody replied he is not prepared with numbers; could try to put together some estimates. Discussion.

Discussion of salary distribution across funds.

T&E funds v. general fund; discussion of transfer from general fund to T&E. The proposed \$27 public safety fee would \$510,000. Discussion of fees for non-residents. Discussion of increases. Schwarzler asked, regarding the 4th of July, if we noticed a drop in attendance after going to wristbands. Irvine said short answer is no, although prior to wristbands, there was no way to measure. Schwarzler wondered if we could implement similar system for music nights; Corr noted there may be a level of effort on staff. Discussion of entry fee, wristbands, number of attendees.

Roden stated concern about economy, additional burden to residents. Should take deep, hard look at the budget make all possible cuts.

Garrison asked about the fee, are other cities doing this and fee based on usage; for example, her business uses much more water than her home. Moody – haven't done that analysis. West – clarified that this is a fee for public safety, nothing to do with water. She then noted that other cities are doing fees, and some set fees many years ago. Corr reviewed the US inflation rates for the past several years.

Paraskevas asked for clarification of the \$27 fee; West said it would be \$27 for the first year, \$10 following year, with adjustments based on inflation for following years. This would be a public safety fee. She then explained fee v. levy; essential services would be covered by fee and non-essential by levy. Moody noted essential v. non-essential are terms that are defined, we do not set those. Seiler noted that she considers communications as an essential service, to keep our community informed.

Corr would like to understand what taxes would be like on a \$300,000 home if no M5/50.

N. Christensen - if we vote to approve the budget tonight, how much does it lock in a \$27 fee. Moody – if approved as proposed, there is \$510,000 that is attributable to calculations made around the \$27/month fee. N. Christensen – so, the \$27 could be flexible, as long as it meets the \$510,000; Moody – yes, \$27 is an estimation of what it would take to cover it. Roden – should be careful when discussing the inflation rate; people can't always afford what they used to. Morton agreed. She noted that when city and charter formed, made certain promises to provide basic services; non-essential services ones to best to provide. Also, look at tax statement, assessed value v. real market value to see difference.

Roden asked if we should consider if voters would vote for the levy if they felt the consequences before the vote. West noted the challenges of reopening a closed library. Schwarzler agreed and noted other cities are having the discussion of closing libraries, etc. Porter noted that the closing of the library and museum would also have an impact on foot traffic, affecting businesses.

McArdle said he met with several mayors, and their cities are all going through this. He summarized that we are looking at a budget for the next 12 months; looking at a public safety fee of \$27/month, then \$10/month a year later. This would allow us to continue public safety at our current level. There are other cities that have fees on the utility bills. We are having an informal conversation regarding a levy to go to the public, asking them what they want to fund; parks, library, museum – this will be a decision coming in the future.

Martin-Willis noted she was on committee when asking for a levy to help pay for parks and pool; it passed. Folks stepped up, paid for things important to them. Discussion; noted that levy would be in the next fiscal year, not the upcoming one. Seiler noted informing the public is essential.

Corr asked what looks like when closing parks. Fisher reported the parks would go feral; no mowing, no trimming of bushes. Corr asked if we would keep people from going in; Fisher stated that would be a policy decision for council, put up fence.

N. Christensen – one of outcomes from last year's meeting, vote on budget with service cuts to the library, one of positive discussions was more revenues to cover shortfalls. Staff made good faith effort to respond last year.

Jobe noted that the school levy will have a bond; the fire department is proposing one (that hasn't hit yet; then we would ask for this. For museum, she would like to see an entry charge; the transfer of \$125,000 from general fund to T&E should be eliminated; don't do the \$400,000 contingency transfer. Levy – send to voters. She doesn't want to pass the budget as is.

Schwarzler – thinks that if we are passing a fee for public safety, we need to do a lot of communication. That we are asking other departments to cut costs, enact fees, reduce the 4th of July to 2 days, dropping one of the concert nights - message this to residents.

Porter noted that with the situation we are in, the \$27 per month unavoidable. She would like to explore other options. Not comfortable with this the only option.

Martin-Willis noted that if we close the parks, all and any events in the parks go away – music and movie nights, the 4th of July, etc.

N. Christensen asked if that as a committee, are we voting on the levy; West replied no, but if passing the budget as is, it would include the \$27 fee.

Moody stated that procedurally, we are doing what is prescribed under Oregon budget law. If this group votes to approve the budget, the next step is another opportunity for people to come forward to have input on the budget at a council meeting. Discussion regarding levy, transfer from general fund to T&E.

Roden moved to the amend budget so that we have a \$5 entry fee for the summer series (music & movies); Jobe seconded. Discussion. Moody said that with 2,000 people /night, it would provide \$50,000, and could reduce the transfer from general fund by a like amount. Roden stated she is amenable to putting this on the table to come back with actual numbers. Roden withdrew the motion, Jobe withdrew the second.

Roden moved that staff review numbers for what a \$5 fee would bring in revenue for the summer series; Jobe seconded. McArdle suggested an omnibus motion, as there could be several items. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Martin-Willis asked if each member could share their best cost cutting measures, would give them alternate scenarios. More discussion.

Morton called for question, as there is a motion on the floor. Roden withdrew the motion; Jobe withdrew the second.

Morton moved to have the budget committee send proposals to the city manager pertinent to potential budget cuts or revenues and have these proposals to the city manager by the close of business Thursday, May 2nd; Jobe seconded. West noted that staff will not respond to non-viable options.

Moody noted that we can't amend the budget without a motion. McArdle noted we have a meeting scheduled next Wednesday and the following Wednesday. Motion passed by all committee members present.

ADJOURNMENT/ RECESS:

McArdle moved to recess, to reconvene next Wednesday, May 8th, at 6:30 pm; Paraskevas seconded. Motion passed by all committee members present.

Meeting recessed at 9:18 pm.



City of Independence

City Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was reconvened at 6:30 pm by Chair Bill Boisvert.

ROLL CALL. (Round table introductions):

City Council

John McArdle

Shannon Corr

Sarah Jobe

Kathy Martin-Willis

Marilyn Morton

Dawn Roden

Kate Schwarzler

Resident Members

Bill Boisvert

Nathan Christensen

Miranda Garrison

Jesica Porter

Alex Paraskevas

Erin Seiler

Staff present:

Kenna West, Rob Moody, Karin Johson, Jason Kistler, Nikki Ditchen, Shawn Irvine, Natascha Adams, Bob Mason, Patrick Bodily, Amanda Christensen, Lyle Gilbert

DECLARATIONS: Nathan Christensen declared a potential conflict of interest; his wife is a part-time employee at the museum.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT: Chair Boisvert noted that there was interest in comments for this evening. The public comment portion was closed at the previous meeting; an opportunity to comment on the budget will be available at the June 11th council meeting.

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Moody noted questions and proposals were sent to he and West after the last budget committee meeting. The compiled answers were reviewed with the committee. Moody thanked all for the thoughtful questions and proposals. West reviewed the questions with the committee.

Proposals were distributed to committee members via email earlier today, and hard copies provided at the meeting. Staff incorporated the proposals into one packet – “Analysis of Budget Committee Proposals” – that covered most of the comments/proposals; the packet was handed out to the committee and reviewed briefly by Moody. A copy was emailed to Schwarzler.

Chair declared a 15-minute break at 6:45 pm to give members a chance to read the information. West reminded all that no discussion between members will be allowed, but members may ask questions of staff.

Meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm

Lengthy discussion followed, with members discussing potential revenues and reductions in the analysis. After review, the following motion was made:

Roden moved to increase revenue and contingency in the general fund by \$31,524; Jobe seconded. Discussion. Motion failed 2-11-0:

Ayes – Roden, Jobe

Nays – McArdle, Boisvert, Corr, Christensen, Schwarzler, Garrison, Morton, Porter, Paraskevas, Seiler

Comments from committee members regarding next steps.

N. Christensen moved to increase the Independence Days wristband fee to \$10 which would decrease the transfer from general fund by \$108,000; Morton seconded.

Discussion of fees at other cities' events; potential impact on attendance, residents.

Councilor Morton called for the question; Commissioner Schwarzler seconded. Motion passed 8-5-0:

Ayes – McArdle, Jobe, Schwarzler, Morton, Martin-Willis, Boisvert, N. Christensen, Garrison

Nays – Corr, Roden, Porter, Paraskevas, Seiler

Original Motion (re-read by West): to increase the Independence Days entrance wristband fee to \$10 which would decrease the transfer from general fund by \$108,000: Motion passed 10-3-0:

Ayes - Boisvert, McArdle, N. Christensen, Corr, Jobe, Martin-Willis, Morton, Porter, Roden, Seiler

Nays – Paraskevas, Garrison, Schwarzler

APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Schwarzler moved to adopt the budget as amended, directing staff to continue looking for additional revenue and cost savings as appropriate; Councilor Morton seconded. Discussion followed, most of which centered on whether the committee should have more review, making decisions at next meeting. Motion passed 9-4-0:

Ayes – Boisvert, McArdle, N. Christensen, Corr, Garrison, Morton, Paraskevas, Schwarzler, Seiler

Nays – Porter, Jobe, Roden, Martin-Willis

Morton moved to approve the levying of the city's full tax rate of \$4.5897 per \$1,000 assessed value; Garrison seconded. Motion passed 11-2-0:

Ayes – Boisvert, McArdle, N. Christensen, Corr, Garrison, Martin-Willis, Morton, Paraskevas, Porter, Schwarzler, Seiler

Nays – Jobe, Roden

Seiler moved to approve that the city impose taxes in the amount of \$389,861 for General Obligation Bonds; Corr seconded. Motion passed 11-2-0:

Ayes – Boisvert, McArdle, N. Christensen, Corr, Garrison, Martin-Willis, Morton, Paraskevas, Porter, Schwarzler, Seiler

Nays – Jobe, Roden

Mayor thanked all for participating; these were not easy decisions. We are not alone, other cities are having the same issues and he thanked all for their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Martin-Willis moved to adjourn; Roden seconded. Motion passed by all:

Ayes – Boisvert, McArdle, N. Christensen, Corr, Garrison, Jobe, Martin-Willis, Morton, Paraskevas, Porter, Roden, Schwarzler, Seiler

Nays – none

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm