

PUBLIC HEARING – CITY BUDGET FOR 2024 12:30 P.M. – Augusta City Hall

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of the City of Augusta, 145 W. Lincoln Street, Augusta, WI at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at which time any resident or voter of the City of Augusta will be heard in regard to the budgets for 2024.

Mayor Jason TePaske called the Public Hearing to order at 12:30 p.m. Present were council members Sue Troxel, Bruce Stabenow, Patricia Wessel, Robert Chaffee, and Brian Leslin. Also present: Gordon O'Brien, Kasandra Thompson, and Cynthia Anderegg.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stacey Randall and Bobbie Christophersen inquired about the proposed Longevity & Productivity employee benefit and the impact it would have on the 2024 Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to adjourn. Motion carried.

Cynthia Anderegg, Clerk

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023 1:05 P.M.

Mayor Jason TePaske called the special meeting of the Augusta City Council to order at 1:05 p.m. Present were council members Sue Troxel, Bruce Stabenow, Patricia Wessel, Robert Chaffee, and Brian Leslin. Also present: Gordon O'Brien, Kasandra Thompson, and Cynthia Anderegg. Absent: Scott Williamson and Leslie LaRose.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wessel seconded by Troxel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PEMBER COMPANIES, INC. PAY APPLICATION #1 – REPLACE WATERMAIN PEASE ST RAILROAD CROSSING

Motion by Wessel seconded by Chaffee to approve Pember Companies, Inc. pay request #1 in the amount of \$186,756.41 for the Watermain Replacement Pease St Railroad crossing project. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A-1 EXCAVATING CHANGE ORDER #5 -FINAL QUANTITY BALANCE – WATER LOOP & SEWER REPLACEMENT WELL #9

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Leslin to approve the A-1 Excavating Change Order #5 for an increase of \$146,034.10 for the Final Quantity balance for the Water Loop & Sewer Replacement project. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A-1 EXCAVATING PAY APPLICATION #3 FINAL – WATER LOOP & SEWER REPLACEMENT WELL #9

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Wessel to approve the A-1 Excavating pay request #3 in the amount of \$31,245.25 for the Well #9 Water Loop & Sewer Replacement project. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WINONA MECHANICAL, INC. PAY APPLICATION #1 – WELL #7 ABANDONMENT

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Troxel to approve the Winona Mechanical, Inc. pay request #1 in the amount of \$76,936.07 for the Well #7 Abandonment project. Roll call vote: Ward 1, yes; Ward 2, yes; Ward 3, yes; Ward 4, yes; Ward 5, yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2023-2024 DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Motion by Chaffe seconded by Stabenow to Table. Motion carried.

APPROVE SENIOR CENTER FACILITY FUNDING AGREEMENT AND TITLE III-C FUNDING AGREEMENT

Motion by Troxel seconded by Chaffee to approve the 2024 Senior Center Facility Funding Agreement from Eau Claire County for \$32,000 and the ADRC Title III-C Funding Agreement for \$7758. Roll call vote: Ward 1: yes, Ward 2: yes, Ward 3: yes, Ward 4: yes, Ward 5: yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - UPDATES TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Motion by Wessel seconded by Chaffee to send proposed Longevity & Productivity Incentive Benefit back to the Personnel Committee for review. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2024

Motion by Troxel seconded by Wessel to approve the 2024 General Fund budget. Roll call vote: Ward 1: yes, Ward 2: yes, Ward 3: yes, Ward 4: yes, Ward 5: yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING SEWER FUND OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024

Motion by Troxel seconded by Wessel to approve the 2024 Sewer Fund Operating budget. Roll call vote: Ward 1: yes, Ward 2: yes, Ward 3: yes, Ward 4: yes, Ward 5: yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING WATER FUND OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024

Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to approve the 2024 Water Fund Operating budget. Roll call vote: Ward 1: yes, Ward 2: yes, Ward 3: yes, Ward 4: yes, Ward 5: yes. Motion carried.

ADOPT THE 2023 LEVY AND AUTHORIZE CLERK TO CALCULATE MILL RATE

Motion by Wessel seconded by Troxel to adopt the 2023 Levy in the amount of \$463,434 and to authorize the Clerk to calculate the mill rate. Roll call vote: Ward 1: yes, Ward 2: yes, Ward 3: yes, Ward 4: yes, Ward 5: yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE TAX BOND COLLECTION RESOLUTION

Motion by Troxel seconded by Leslin to approve tax bond collection resolution. Roll call vote: Ward 1: yes, Ward 2: yes, Ward 3: yes, Ward 4: yes, Ward 5: yes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE PLACEMENT OF DELINQUENT UTILITIES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CHARGES AND SPECIAL CHARGES INCLUDING EAU CLAIRE COUNTY RECYCLING CHARGE ON THE TAX ROLL

Motion by Leslin seconded by Chaffee to authorize placement of delinquent utilities (\$51,377.17 with 10% County fee), special charges, special assessment charges (\$200 lawn mowing, \$100 Snow removal, \$2,002.79 Street assessment Rolling Hills Dr.), and Eau Claire County Recycling charge (\$17/unit) on the tax roll. Roll call vote: Ward 1: yes, Ward 2: yes, Ward 3: yes, Ward 4: yes, Ward 5: yes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCE AND DISCUSS UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- a. Regular December City Council meeting – December 12th at 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chaffee seconded by Leslin to adjourn. Motion carried.

Cynthia Anderegg, Clerk