

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022

Mayor Rowan called the special meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Chris Rowan, Sue Unterberger, Marc Wirz, Brenda Carlson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tootz Tschumperlin

Others: Public Works Director Steve Geislinger, Clerk Deb Kramer

The purpose of the meeting was to work on the 2023 proposed budget.

Kramer noted that law enforcement services will increase with renewal of the contract with Meeker County. They are looking at \$1.50 to \$2 per hour increase for 2023.

The public works department pickup is a 2012 model with 130,000 miles on it. Geislinger noted it was just in for some major repairs. Council agreed to budget for a new truck. Council also agreed to price new flooring for the public works office as part of the 2022 capital outlay budget. Discussion continued on the proposed budget.

Kramer noted that the tax abatement on the new 20-unit apartment building will start in 2023 so there will be an over levy of \$15,910 added for pay 2023, along with the over levy for Hilltop Health Care Center's abatement. As the budget is proposed, the General Fund levy would increase from \$315,231 to \$318,204. The proposed levy would be approximately \$532,421 total at this time. Council will act on the proposed levy and budget at the September 8th council meeting. The proposed levy must be certified by September 30th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CARLSON, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer
Clerk

ATTEST: