

Special Council Meeting March 11, 2010 – 6:00 p.m. The West Burlington City Council met in Special Session at 122 Broadway Street with Mayor Hans Trousil presiding. Council members, Rod Crowner, Rick Raleigh, Therese Lees, Kara Steward and Dan West were present. Finance Officer Leslie Sattler, Fire Chief Jesse Logan and City Administrator Dan Gifford were also present.

Lees made a motion, second by Steward, to approve the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote. Raleigh, Steward, Lees, West and Crowner voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Trousil opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. concerning the City's Proposed Budget for FY 2010/2011. No verbal or written comments were received. Lees made a motion, second by Raleigh, to close the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. Roll call vote. Steward, Lees, West Crowner and Raleigh voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider a Resolution approving the City Budget for FY2010/2011 – Mayor Trousil highlighted the proposed budget for FY2010/2011. The proposed tax levy for FY2010/2011 is \$9.86, which keeps the City's levy rate the same as FY2009/2010.

Valuations for FY 2010/2011 include \$99,730,192 from the regular taxable valuations, \$56,217,796 from TIF and \$687,884 from Ag. Council voted to reduce the TIF valuations by \$12,011,426 allowing the regular taxable valuations to increase for the City, W.B.School District, SCC and Des Moines County.

The residential rollback for FY2010/2011 is 46.9094% for residential properties which is slightly higher than FY2009/2010. The rollback for Commercial and Industrial properties will remain at 100% and the Agricultural rollback dropped from 93.8568% to 66.2715%.

Mayor Trousil reviewed a Power Point presentation outlining the City's revenues by source, expenditures by function, debt service, increases to employee's health insurance contributions, wages and utility rate increases. Utility rate increases include a 5% water rate increase, a sewer rate increase of thirty cents per thousand gallons of water usage, an increase in the Garbage Collection fee from \$8.40 to \$9.00 per month and an increase in the Recycling fee from \$2.20 to \$2.95 per month. Council will formally vote on the rate increases at a future Council meeting.

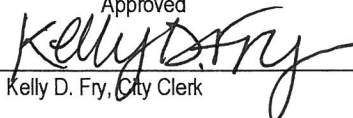
Mayor Trousil thanked Council and staff for their efforts in preparing the budget. There being no further discussion Lees made a motion, second by Raleigh, to approve the City's Budget for FY2010/2011 as presented. Roll call vote. Lees, West, Crowner, Raleigh and Steward voted aye. Motion carried.

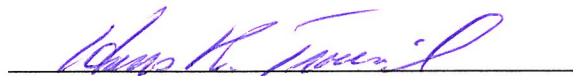
Crowner asked Chief Logan for an update on the condition of the Fire Department's Ladder Truck, which recently failed an inspection. Logan reported that Fire Department staff is in the process of preparing a packet of information related to the cost of possible repairs or replacement of the ladder truck. Following a brief discussion Gifford directed Chief Logan to get a second opinion on the condition of the latter truck.

MAYORS INQUIRIES: Mayor Trousil reported that it was brought to his attention that on April 1st the carriers for the West Burlington Post Office will be moved to Burlington and will be working out of the Burlington Post Office. After contacting Congressman Loeb'sack's office it appears that this is being done on a trial basis. Several carriers and counter staff at the West Burlington Post office expressed concern that the Post Office may eventually close. Mayor Trousil urged citizens to contact their local congressman concerning these changes and encourage them to keep the West Burlington Post Office operating as it is today.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40p.m. upon motion by Lees, second by Steward. Voice vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

March 17, 2010

Approved

Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk


Hans K. Trousil, Mayor