

**SAUK CENTRE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Sauk Centre City Council met in a Special Budget Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers pursuant to due notice being given thereof. Present were Mayor Brad Kirckof, Council Members, Keith Johnson, Michael Olson and David Thomas. Also present were City Administrator Vicki Willer, Police Chief Bryon Friedrichs, City Planner Sarah Morton, Park Foreman Dave Beilke, Street Foreman Tom Johnson, Fire Chief John Egan, and Ambulance Director Kathy Struffert. Mayor Kirckof presided thereat. Council Member Warren Stone arrived at 6:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved by general consent.

3. BUDGET REVIEW

The City Council reviewed the budget that was previously updated by the Finance Committee by Department with discussion and amendments as follows:

- Willer reported that the budget presented includes reduction in the previous proposal for health insurance due to the renewal coming in at a 2% increase vs the 8% anticipated. The budget also reflects the previously approved 2.5% wage increase along with any anticipated step increases which are acted upon as they become eligible.
- Willer reported that the contract proposal came in for Criminal Prosecutions which resulted in a \$5,000 decrease in the Police Prosecution Budget.
- Egan requested that Contract Services for conducting Fire Truck Inspections be increased by \$2,000.
- Willer requested that the Training Budget for Emergency Services Training for the HSEM requirements be increased by \$2,000.
- Olson introduced discussion on the budget for planting trees suggesting a five year plan be proposed and implemented. No budget change.
- Discussion on Fire Hydrant Maintenance fee with suggestion that the rate of increase is too steep in a short period of time. The Committee had reduced the budget proposal to the current level at \$2 per month per hydrant.
- Discussion on the future of the Walnut Street Garage.
- Suggestion that we consider a plan to begin replacement of the older sirens.
- Suggestion that a plan for utilization of the Interest Income in the Hospital Fund be developed. The budget for Interest Income for the Hospital Loan to be set at \$210,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomas and was seconded by Council Member Stone to decrease fund E100-41600-312, Legal Fees/Prosecutions to \$22,500; add \$2,000 to E100-42300-435 Training Emergency Services; increase E225-42200-308 Contract work by \$2,000 to \$3,000 for Fire Truck Inspections; increase Hospital Fund Interest Income R290-44000-36210 by \$210,000 to \$218,000. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Olson, Stone, Johnson, Thomas and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. The motion passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the meeting. A vote being recorded as follows: For Council Members Olson, Stone, Johnson, Thomas and Mayor Kirckof.

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Kirckof adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Brad Kirckof

City Administrator Vicki M. Willer