

City Council Proceedings

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State of Minnesota
Counties of Scott & Le Sueur
City of New Prague

} Special City Council Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022

Mayor Jirik called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Jirik, Ryan, Seiler, and Wolf

Absent: Councilmember Bass

Staff Present: Joshua Tetzlaff, Ken Ondich, Robin Pikal, Matt Rynda, Tim Applen, and Jim Gareis

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - City Administrator Josh Tetzlaff shared that the City of New Prague received a total of \$902,999.14 of American Rescue Plan Aid money. \$240,144.52 has already been used with \$662,854.62 remaining. Items were listed as proposed expenditures for 2023-2024. Discussion took place on which expenses would come out of the ARPA money and other accounts. Some of the other areas discussed included: surplus allocation and targeted fund balance. Councilmember Wolf had questions about the Ambulance's expenses and revenues. City Administrator Tetzlaff and Finance Director Pikal explained that the Ambulance details will be presented at a later time as they are a separate fund and not included within the General Fund.


2023 Visioning Document - City Administrator Tetzlaff presented and revisited per the August 29th Special City Council Budget meeting. Each year the City Council meets with the City department heads and holds a number of workshops to determine projects and ideas the City would like to accomplish. This list included both large and small projects and a target date that the City would like to complete the project by. A date the shows when the ideas was first added and a progress section that will show progress. Short, Medium, and Long-Term Goals were discussed. Police Staffing was an area talked about in greater length and its impact to the Levy ranging from 4.23% to 7.06%.

General Fund Budget and Property Tax Levy Overview - City Administrator Tetzlaff and Finance Director Robin Pikal presented the 2023 Proposed General Fund Budget & Levy Overview and discussion centered around: Personnel (Wages & Benefits), Operations, Maintenance & Capital, Professional Services, Debt Service, Discretionary Expense, and Operating Transfers Out.

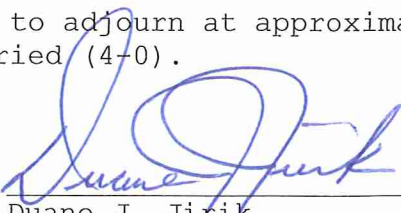
Staff proposed to the Council an increase of the proposed preliminary levy from the 8/29/22 meeting which totaled \$4,790,372 or 2.78% over the 2022 levy, up to \$4,875,372 or a 4.60% increase over the 2022 levy. After discussion, Staff and Council agreed to a 5.0% increase to the Preliminary Levy.

It was moved by Seiler, seconded by Ryan to adjourn at approximately 7:57 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried (4-0).

ATTEST:



Joshua M. Tetzlaff
City Administrator



Duane J. Jirik
Mayor