

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Mike Kuhle with the following members present: Larry Janssen; Chris Kielblock; Chad Cummings; Amy Ernst; Alaina Kolpin.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Deb Olsen, Finance Director; Michelle Ridd, Assistant Finance Director; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Matt Selof, Community Development Director; Angela Thiner, Assistant City Clerk.

**2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION/DISCUSSION OF PERC-CERTIFICATION LEVEL -2023
TAX LEVY**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, gave an outline of changes to consider to decrease the 2023 tax levy originally brought forward at the August 31, 2022 Special City Council Meeting.

Mr. Robinson explained proposed increases to the 609 Liquor Fund and 703 Safety Promotion/Loss Control transfers, Wgtn Rediscovered-Use of reserves and wage reallocation (salary and benefits) to decrease the preliminary levy by roughly \$500,000. He noted by making these changes the preliminary levy of 21.53% would be decreased to 12.69%. Additional items discussed for consideration were the Community Relations/Communications Position and paving the Sunset Park parking lot. Steve Robinson and Deb Olsen expressed their concern with pre certifying the levy too low as health insurance numbers have not come in yet.

Deb Olsen, Finance Director, said Council must set the pre-certification level for the 2023 levy by September 15th, and could decrease that amount when they certify in December, but they could not increase the levy.

Council member Cummings moved to approved recommendation to precertify the tax levy at 17%. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kolpin, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Angela Thiner
Assistant City Clerk