

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 2022**

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

Staff members present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Deb Olsen, Finance Director; Matt Selof, Community Development Director; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Dan Wycoff, Liquor Store Manager; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others present: Emma McNamee, The Globe.

**2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Dan Wycoff, Liquor Store Manager, presented the 2023 Liquor Store Fund Budget for review, he said as of November 30<sup>th</sup> there is an increase of 1.38% for the year and a 3% increase has been budgeted for 2023. Mr. Robinson said \$275,000.00 will go into the general fund and the building loan balance is \$651,000.00. The parking lot is also in great need of repairs, there are drainage issues that need to be addressed and the estimated cost is \$275,000.00. Plans are currently being developed.

**2023 BUDGET / FINAL CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Robinson said since the pre-certification in September adjustments have had to be made to accommodate merit wage increases and larger than anticipated health insurance renewals which have added \$125,444 to the budget.

Mr. Robinson explained the current tax rate is 61.222% and is computed by dividing the levy by the net tax capacity of all taxable properties in the city. The tax rate is what directly determines the amount of city property taxes paid by all property owners.

Staff presented several options that would reduce costs to reach the pre-certification level. After Council discussion they suggested transferring \$200,000 from the city's safety promotion and loss control reserve fund and also taking \$25,000 from the proposed Community Relations and Communications position as the hiring would not take place in the first quarter of the year. With these changes it would bring the budget under the pre-certification level.

Mr. Robinson said with the proposed adjustments it would bring the current tax levy rate to 55.77%, which is almost a nine point decrease from last year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

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Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC  
City Clerk