

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

Mayor Connors called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Tolar.

Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Tolar, Krause, Hartz, Mott, Marsala, Kehoe, Fesenmaier, and Krohn. Also present: Administrator Jordan and Clerk Reale.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes.

Terry O'Neill, 954 George Street, addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget for 2011. He first noted that the fire department expenses for the City of Elkhorn amounted to less than half of the amount budgeted for the Lake Geneva Fire Department, despite the fact that Elkhorn has a larger population. He suggested that this was indicative of the fact that there were still unnecessary expenditures in the budget request for the Fire Department. Mr. O'Neill also stated that ninety percent of budgeted expenses will have been paid by November 1, even though only half of the budgeted revenues will have been collected by that time. This would result in a \$3.5 million cash flow problem in the month of November. He suggested that the funds borrowed through a bond issue would ultimately be used to cover operations expenses because of this cash flow problem.

Discussion/Action on approving 2011 Annual Budget Summary for publication and setting public hearing date of November 22, 2010

Administrator Jordan noted that the action taken at this meeting would only approve the budget summary for publication, adding that changes could still be made before final approval was given on the budget. He then reviewed the highlights of the budget summary, reporting that the levy was being proposed to remain at \$5.51 per thousand and no increases were proposed for parking meter rates. The proposed budget included raises to adult beach fees and business license fees, and the elimination of summer brush collection, Plan Commission salaries, holiday gift cards for City employees, and Four Seasons personnel expenses. Administrator Jordan addressed the comments of Mr. O'Neill, noting that the City would not use capital projects funds to cover operating expenses, as these funds were restricted to those specified capital uses within a given period of time.

Krause/Kehoe motion to approve 2011 Annual Budget Summary for publication and to set a public hearing date of November 22, 2010 at 5:00pm. Unanimously carried.

Adjournment

Krause/Marsala motion to adjourn at 6:11pm. Unanimously carried.

/s/ Jeremy A. Reale, City Clerk

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