

PRESENT: Mayor: Tim Goenner; **Council Members:** Karen White, Kristin Brandt, Chad Nelson and Stefany Janish

Absent: none

City Staff: Interim Sandra Borders

Council was presented with the 2023 adopted budget and the resolution that adopted the 2024 Property Tax Levy. The city needs to adopt a proposed tax levy to be sent to the County by September 30th.

The council discussed the new fire station building and the option of levying each year for funding for the building. They discussed levying each year \$38,000 for the building. Staff will reach out to Northland Securities about the building options.

The levy that was adopted for 2024 was in the amount of \$403,810.

The council was informed that the city should receive LGA (Local Government Aid) from the state in the amount of \$104,512 in 2025.

The council mentioned that Ralphie's Gas Station has a yearly rent payment due. The land rent is in the amount of \$500. Staff will request a payment.

Council would like the budget broken out into the line items for discussion.

Council requested what the remaining balances on the PFA notes is. The payment for the notes would come from the sewer and water accounts.

There was discussion regarding the payment for the PSN payment system and that the payment should be allocated to the sewer and water funds.

There was discussion regarding the phones and phone system at City Hall. The council requested a report on the New Lane Finance payments for the phone system and the balance remaining on the plan.

Council requested a detailed expense report and would like it in an Excel format if possible.

The City property insurance was in the amount of \$36,000 and the council would like a breakdown of what each building was billed for the insurance. They would also like a breakdown of the vehicle insurance. Staff will be in contact with the insurance agent. Staff should contact the auditor and ask about dividing up the insurance by department.

Staff suggested that the escrow accounts be moved out of the general fund and placed in an escrow fund.

There was some discussion regarding garbage collection and the cost to the city.

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024
5:30 P.M

CITY OF CLEAR LAKE
7684 1ST AVENUE W
CLEAR LAKE, MN 55317

Another budget work session was scheduled for September 23rd at 5:30 pm

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Janish.
All present voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm

Attest:

Sandra Borders, Interim City Clerk