

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, May 1, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Withee at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Lauri Krueger, Jason Smith, Chuck Moore, and Wayne Rayburn. Absent: None. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell; Finance Director, Matthew Storbeck; Police Chief, Brad Misner; and DPW Supervisor, Mike Bosch.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn, the April 17, 2023, Regular and Workshop Minutes were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN UPDATE

County Commissioner Dugan gave an update on current Allegan County activities. He answered questions of the audience and the Commission.

A. PRESENTATION OF 2023-2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL – GENERAL, PUBLIC SAFETY, CAPITAL PROJECT, EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT, AND SOLID WASTE FUNDS

Finance Director, Matthew Storbeck, gave an overview of the General, Public Safety, Capital Project, Equipment Replacement, and Solid Waste Funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Anticipated revenues for the General Fund \$2,188,700, and anticipated expenditures \$2,228,440. Anticipated revenues for the Public Safety Fund \$ 1,867,880, and anticipated expenditures \$1,842,595. Anticipated revenues for the Capital Projects Fund \$62,470, anticipated expenditures \$204,000, Anticipated revenues for the Equipment Replacement Fund \$134,750, anticipated expenditures \$160,100. Anticipated revenues for the Solid Waste Reduction Fund \$338,970, and anticipated expenditures \$394,275. He stated that the anticipated Solid Waste Millage would be 2.0206.

Finance Director Storbeck answered questions of the Commission.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A RENTAL POLICY FOR THE T.O.P RIVERFRONT PAVILION

City Manager Mitchell explained the terms, rules, regulations and pricing that are included in the rental policy. He commented that reservations for rentals will be taken at City Hall. Commissioner Krueger moved to approve the Rental Policy of the T.O.P Riverfront Pavilion, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. AGREEMENTS:

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

**A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08- A RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING A BUDGET HEARING ON MAY 15, 2023**

City Manager Mitchell explained that this is a resolution that is required by the State to establish a Budget Hearing.

Commissioner Krueger offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption, supported by Commissioner Rayburn.

**CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET HEARING

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Laws 141.436 requires a public hearing before final passage of a general appropriation act by a legislative body,

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Laws 141.412 requires that a notice of such hearing be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation at least six (6) days prior to such hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a hearing be held on the 2023-2024 Budget of the City of Otsego by the City Commission at City Hall at or after 7:00 p.m. local time, on May 15, 2023, and notice of said hearing shall be published at least six days prior to the hearing in the following form:

**CITY OF OTSEGO
PUBLIC NOTICE
HEARING ON 2023-2024 BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that the proposed budget for the City of Otsego for the fiscal year 2023-2024 is now on file and available to the public for inspection at City Hall, 117 East Orleans Street, Otsego, Michigan.

The City Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Otsego Municipal Building, at 117 East Orleans Street, Otsego, Michigan. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

**CITY OF OTSEGO
2023-2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS
TOTALS BY FUND**

GENERAL FUND	\$2,228,440
MAJOR STREET FUND	996,700
LOCAL STREET FUND	230,655

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	1,842,595
STREET & BRIDGE FUND	80,000
SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING FUND	394,275
EQUIPMENT DEBT FUND	0
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	204,000
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	160,100
SEWER FUND	1,187,290
WATER FUND	633,975
MOTOR POOL FUND	330,080
<u>SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024	\$8,288,110

YEAS: Commissioners: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Jason Smith, Chuck Moore Jr., Wayne Rayburn.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager commented and gave updates on the following:

- Thanked Finance Director Storbeck for his presentations, for working graciously on the budget, and also wished him a Happy Birthday!
- Thanked Chief Weber and the Firefighters for stepping up when there was a dire need for the station to be staffed.
- Reminded everyone of the election that will take place tomorrow for Public Safety Millage.
- Visited Washington Street Elementary for Career Day with Firefighter McGrail.
- Radio Station Cool 101 will be running an informational segment regarding the upcoming Summer Events.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Charles Housel, 379 W Orleans – he asked if there was a need for police presence at the pavilion, would it be deducted from the deposit. City Manager Mitchell commented expenses would be deducted from the deposit, if needed.

Robert Alway, 1012 Barton – he commented that possibly an environmental grant could be pursued for the trash compactor that was discussed in the Capital Outlay presentation.

COMMISSIONER'S' COMMENTS

Commissioner Moore – he thanked the audience for attending and supporting the Commission. He thanked County Commissioner Dugan for his report. He wished Finance Director Storbeck a Happy Birthday. He also thanked Finance Director Storbeck for the great job presenting the budget and for the extra effort he puts into the presentation. He reminded everyone to please vote tomorrow.

Commissioner Krueger – she thanked the audience for attending. She thanked City Manager Mitchell for the Public Safety presentations, and for the interview on the radio regarding the summer events at the pavilion on Tuesday nights. She commented that it is a great program as the school has a grant that pays for the kids' food and others can purchase at a nominal cost. She thanked DPW Supervisor Bosch for being at the meetings and answering question during the budget presentations. She commented that the Fire Department is near and dear to her heart and she thanked the firefighters who stepped up and filled the sit-times. She praised Finance Director Storbeck for his memory with the presentation of all the numbers and thanked him for his presentation. She reminded everyone to use their freedom to vote tomorrow.

Commissioner Smith – he thanked County Commissioner Dugan for his report and for answering questions. He thanked Finance Director Storbeck for his presentation and for making it clear for the Commission. He also wished Finance Director Storbeck a Happy Birthday. He thanked City Manager Mitchell for his interview on the radio and commented that he is excited for summer. He reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

Commissioner Rayburn – he thanked the audience for attending, the Fire Department, Police Department, the citizens, and Finance Director Storbeck for his presentation. He wished Finance Director Storbeck a Happy Birthday. He commented that it has taken a long time to get to this place and that he feels we are going in the right direction, but it all can't happen overnight. He stated that with inflation it is hard to get a handle on things. He thanked City Manager Mitchell for all that he has done and for being on the radio. He reminded everyone to vote tomorrow, it is a right to vote and every vote makes a difference.

Mayor Withee – she encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow. She commented that we will know in a couple of days the outcome. She thanked the audience for attending.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Smith. CARRIED – 8:15 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk