

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, May 6, 2024.

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

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn, the April 15, 2024, Regular Minutes were approved as submitted. CARRIED

## **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **I. PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN UPDATE**

He gave a report on the County Board's recent activities. He answered questions of the Commission and audience.

#### **B. PRESENTATION OF 2024-2025 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL – GENERAL, PUBLIC SAFETY, CAPITAL PROJECT, EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT, AND SOLID WASTE RECYCLING FUNDS**

Finance Director, Matthew Storbeck, gave an overview of the General, Public Safety, Capital Project, Equipment Replacement, and Solid Waste Funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Anticipated revenues for the General Fund \$2,543,935, and anticipated expenditures \$2,516,085. Anticipated revenues for the Public Safety Fund \$2,015,850, and anticipated expenditures \$1,942,155. Anticipated revenues for the Capital Projects Fund \$137,790, anticipated expenditures \$0.00. Anticipated revenues for the Equipment Replacement Fund \$107,800, anticipated expenditures \$73,000. Anticipated revenues for the Solid Waste/Recycling Fund \$305,075, and anticipated expenditures \$367,470.

Finance Director Storbeck answered questions of the Commission.

The Commission thanked Finance Director Storbeck for his presentation.

### **II. PUBLIC HEARING:**

### **III. PLANNING AND ZONING:**

### **IV. ORDINANCES:**

### **V. REQUESTS:**

#### **A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE VFW TO HOLD A MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON MAY 27, 2024, PARADE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 9:00 A.M. CEREMONY AT THE CEMETERY**

Commissioner Krueger moved to grant the request from the Otsego VFW to hold their annual Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2024, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. ceremony at the Cemetery, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE OTSEGO ROTARY TO HOLD BACKYARD OLYMPICS AT THE PAVILION AND USE OF THE SPORTS AREA ON JUNE 2, 2024**

City Manager Mitchell gave an overview of the Otsego Rotary's Backyard Olympics inaugural fundraising event. Commissioner Smith moved to grant the request from Otsego Rotary to hold Backyard Olympics at the Pavilion and the use of the Sports Area on June 2, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VI. AGREEMENTS:**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BEST WAY FOR RECYCLING SERVICES – FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT**

City Manager Mitchell and DPW Supervisor Bosch briefly explained the unique contract and answered questions. Commissioner Krueger moved to authorize the City Clerk and Mayor to enter into an agreement with Best Way Disposal for recycling services – five-year contract, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VII. RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09- A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BUDGET HEARING ON MAY 20, 2024**

Commissioner Moore offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn.

**CITY OF OTSEGO  
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09**

**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 2024-2025 Budget of the City of Otsego by the City Commission at City Hall at or after 7:00 p.m. local time, on May 20, 2024, 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 2024-2025 BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that the proposed budget for the City of Otsego for the fiscal year 2024-2025 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 20, 2024, 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  
2024-2025 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS  
TOTALS BY FUND

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| GENERAL FUND                                      | \$2,516,085          |
| MAJOR STREET FUND                                 | 1,546,495            |
| LOCAL STREET FUND                                 | 246,820              |
| PUBLIC SAFETY FUND                                | 1,942,155            |
| STREET & BRIDGE FUND                              | 384,000              |
| SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING FUND                      | 367,470              |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND                             | 0                    |
| EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND                        | 73,000               |
| SEWER FUND  | 1,624,995            |
| WATER FUND  | 1,530,480            |
| MOTOR POOL FUND                                   | 363,410              |
| <u>SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>    | <u>0</u>             |
| <br>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS<br>FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 | <br><br>\$10,594,910 |

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

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:

1. Thanked Finance Director Storbeck for the great job he did on presenting the budget and

commented that he is a financial wizard.

2. Commented that the first Food Truck Monday (today) was great and the weather was also great for the event.
3. Milling has started on Helen Avenue
4. He announced the passing of Al Radspeiler who did great work on the rentals he owned in the City and noted that he will be missed.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

John Pickron, 1104 Barton – he voiced his concerns regarding the speed limits in Eley Acres. A lengthy open conversation took place with the Commission, City Manager, and Director of Police & Fire. City Manager Mitchell stated that at the time the traffic studies were completed, they were completed in correlation with the law. He stated that the Commission could offer a resolution of support to lower the speed limits to our State Representatives. It was the consensus of the Commission to offer a resolution of support.

David Fouch, 359 West Franklin – he asked what subject they would be discussing at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting. City Manager Mitchell stated that the resolution was to set a public hearing, for the proposed budget, which is required by law, before the Commission considers adoption of the budget.

## **COMMISSIONER'S' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Smith – he asked what a resolution would look like for support for safer speed limits. City Manager Mitchell explained the process.

Commissioner Moore – he commented that the resolution should be for safer speed limits and a request to adjust the law.

Mr. Pickron thanked the Commission for listening.

Commissioner Krueger – she concurred with her fellow Commissioners regarding the resolution of support. She thanked Finance Director Storbeck for all of the time and effort he puts into presenting the budget, while being pinpoint accurate. She thanked DPW Supervisor Bosch, Director of Police and Fire Misner, Assistant Fire Chief Bush, and Officer Gudith for attending. She commented that the City has made good decisions over the last ten years, so that there has been money available to fix things, and this is a benefit for being frugal. She thanked Finance Director Storbeck, City Manager Mitchell and the Department Heads.

Commissioner Rayburn – he thanked Commissioner Dugan for always sticking up for us. He commented about the speed limits and it being confusing. He extended his condolences to Mr. Pickron. He commented that he liked the idea of a resolution. He commented that the bench for Cyndi Trobeck was nice.

Mayor Withee – she thanked everyone that attended Food truck Monday at the Pavilion. She commented that the parking is really convenient and everyone should try to attend one this summer.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Rayburn moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith. CARRIED. 8:34 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC  
City Clerk