

December 7, 2023

A special Budget Hearing meeting of the Common Council of the City of Eagle River was called to order at 4:45 P.M. by Mayor Jeff Hyslop.

Roll Call: Ron Kressin, Kim Schaffer, Diane Marquardt, Jerry Burkett. Also in attendance: Becky Bolte, Robin Ginner, Cory Hoffmann, and Mike Adamovich.

A) 2024 Budget Hearing

- i. Presentation of Budget to the Public: Bolte presented the 2024 budget.
- ii. Budget hearing public comments session was opened by Hyslop. City of Eagle River resident John Loomis voiced concern over the Walter E Olsen Library 2024 budget request being reduced in the 2024 City budget. Town of Washington resident Nancy Hart expressed the importance of the library for education. The hearing attendees expressed by show of hands that they would like to see the Walter E Olsen Library request to the City be approved for the full amount requested amount. No other comments heard.
- iii. Close Public Hearing. Mayor Hyslop closed the public hearing at 4:52PM.

B) Resolution 1021: Approve the use of a 2023 levy limit adjustment for unused portion of the 2022 allowable property tax levy - \$5,293. Motion by Schaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kressin to approve Resolution 1021 approving the use of the 2023 levy adjustment for the unused portion of the 2022 allowable property tax levy in the amount of \$5,293. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

C) Resolution 1022: Approve the use of a 2023 levy limit adjustment for 6.56% increase in charges assessed by the Joint Fire Department - \$2,524. Motion by Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marquardt to approve Resolution 1022 approving the use of a 2023 levy limit adjustment for 2024 increase in charges from the Joint Fire Department in the amount of \$2,524. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

D) Resolution 1023: Adoption of 2024 Budget, authorization for 2023 tax levy. Motion by Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaffer to approve Resolution 1023, to adopt the 2024 City of Eagle River budget and authorize the City of Eagle River tax levy as presented. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

Burkett addressed the audience stating he is pro-library but discussed the pitfalls of governmental budgeting, including levy limits and rising emergency services costs. Burkett stressed the City allocated what they could towards the library budget request and spoke on previous years discussions the City has had with the library stating the City cannot do double digit increases each year. Burkett added he would like to see the library helping themselves with fundraising efforts, and the importance of the community as a whole coming together to help with the library's financial needs.

E) Approval of Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated contract for financial strategy planning services. Ginner presented the need Baird services. Motion by Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaffer to approve Robert W Baird & Co. Incorporated contract for financial strategy planning services, charged at \$200 per hour not to exceed 80 hours (\$16,000). Carried on a roll call vote, all.

F) Appointment of Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated as the City of Eagle River's official financial advisor. Motion by Schaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kressin to appoint Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated as the City of Eagle River official financial advisor. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

G) Temporary "Class B" Wine - Picnic License: Eagle River Chamber of Commerce –Wine Fundraiser 12-8-23 thru 12-22-23. Discussion on the legality of license issuance. Motion by Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by

*Kressin to approve Temporary "Class B" Wine picnic license to the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce as presented contingent on City Clerk getting confirmation from the State of Wisconsin that it would be a legal issuance. Carried, all.*

H) Approval of League of WI Municipalities Insurance Policy 2024 Renewal Quotes:

*Motion by Burket, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kressin to approve the WI Municipalities Mutual Insurance Company - Municipal Insurance ADP Policy – City wide Auto, Liability, Cyber, Crime \$57,334. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

*Motion by Burket, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kressin to approve the WI Municipalities Mutual Insurance Company - City Wide Workers Compensation \$33,582*

*Motion by Schaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kressin to adjourn at 5:10PM. Carried.*

Becky J Bolte - Clerk