

1. Call to Order. A budget workshop meeting of the Council of the City of Rogers was called to order by Mayor Paul Przybilla on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Rogers Community Center, 21201 Memorial Drive, Rogers, MN, 55374.

Council present: Mayor Paul Przybilla, Scott Adams, Jamie Davis, Jason Grimm and Steve Rauenhorst.

Staff present: Chuck Burnham, City Planner; Stacy Doboszinski, Asst. City Administrator; Brad Feist, Fire Chief; Jeff Luther, Police Chief; John Seifert, Public Works Superintendent; Steve Stahmer, City Administrator; Lisa Wieland, Finance Director; and Amy LeMieux, Recording Secretary, JASS.

2. 2009 Budget Discussion. The goal is to close the \$502,909 gap between the approved property tax levy and the current proposed budget. Staff's goal is to synthesize the Council's goals to address this gap without creating long-term structural problems and to retain existing staff. The proposed budget changes are listed as follows:

Budgetary Action	Expenditure Reduction/Revenue Enhancement
1. Transfer from General Fund balance:	\$300,000
2. Additional transfer in from Liquor Department	\$50,000
3. Reduction of Fire Admin Assistant from 40 to 16 hours per week. Reduction of Police Admin Assistant from 40 to 24 hours per week.	\$15,200
4. Cut unfilled Rec Programmer, add part-time Rec Leader hours to support RAC Manager	\$34,800 (net)
5. Adjust health insurance budget to more closely reflect costs of incumbent (single vs. family)	\$52,259
6. Other (recycling grant, PD line items)	\$3,650 (net)
7. Revisions from 9/9/2008	\$47,000
Total Budgetary Impact	\$502,909

[Grimm arrived 6:10 p.m.]

All proposed budget changes require Council authorization and will be brought to the regular Council meeting at the end of 2008 or in 2009 as appropriate.

Funding from TIF1 cannot be used to refund the RSAC fund retroactively for wastewater treatment plant debt paid. However, TIF1 funds can be used to pay the wastewater treatment plan debt in the future. Funding from RSAC cannot be used to pay items not related to sewer or sewer capital.

Comments from the Council included that the budgetary actions were mainly one-time actions and could not be repeated to close possible future gaps. Work on the 2010 budget will begin earlier in the year and the Council will begin review of the proposed 2010 budget in June/July 2009.

Motion by Davis, second by Grimm to approve the memo approved by Staff with the caveat that Staff continue to seek additional opportunities within the budget. Motion carried 5-0.

The City should begin working toward legislation to achieve TIF capacity. The City must be allowed to adjust the levy limit to the full tax capacity. A coalition of cities could push legislation to approve that when TIFs are decertified the state adjusts the city's levy limit to match tax capacity.

3. Other Business. None.

4. Adjourn. There being no further business, motion by Rauenhurst, second by Davis adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy LeMieux
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