

**MINUTES OF THE
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
BUDGET WORK SESSION
August 17, 2023**

The work session of the Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen was called to order by Mayor Brian Keim at 6:02 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Brian Keim

Alderman Bob Donovan

Alderwoman Kristi Cleghorn

Alderman Joe Steiger

Alderman Eric Bennett

Alderman Mike Raney

Absent: Alderman Joe Prince

Alderman Jeff Eydmann

A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Bennett to approve the work session agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0-2 with Alderman Prince and Alderman Eydmann absent.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

- **DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS**

At this time City Administrator Happy Welch presented the 2023 Budget Overview showing two different spreadsheets. One spreadsheet had the Step Increase as presented by CBIZ and the other one had the Step Increase plus a 3% COLA raise. Happy reviewed the spreadsheets and answered any questions from the Board members. After no further questions regarding the spreadsheet the department heads presented their capital expenses for the 2024 Budget in the following order: Community Development, Tourism, Police, Street/Parks, Water/Sewer, Fire and Administration/Legislation. Each department head answered any questions or concerns during their presentations.

- **BOARD FINALIZES CAPITAL REQUESTS, INCREASES, RATE OF PAY (Step Increase or Step Increase + 3%)**

A motion by Alderman Bennett, second by Alderman Steiger to approve the 2024 Budget Overview with the Step Increase plus the 3% COLA raise, with the following amendments: Remove the purchase of the copier and the Flock Camera's in the Police Department budget and

\$18,000 to be allocated in the Tourism Budget for part time tourism staff. Motion carried 5-0-2 with Alderman Prince and Alderman Eydmann absent.

A motion by Alderman Bennett, second by Alderman Donovan to approve the enterprise/dedicated funds as presented. Motion carried 5-0-2 with Alderman Prince and Eydmann absent.

- **CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMPENSATION.**

At this time Mayor Keim addressed the Board regarding the additional duties that the City Administrator is currently taking on because of the recent resignation of the tourism director. Mayor Keim would like consideration/discussion on compensating Mr. Welch for those extra duties. After a discussion a motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Raney to allow \$10,000 annualized over 12 months (approximately \$800 a month) until a tourism director is hired. Motion carried 4-1-2 with Alderman Bennett casting the no vote and Alderman Eydmann and Alderman Prince absent.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. None.

With no further business the work session was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Pam Meyer
City Clerk