

City of Hanover Council Meeting: September 13, 2023 at 6:00pm

President of Council Kim Lohse called the Revenue Neutral Rate Increase meeting to order at 6:15pm. Council members present were Scott Jueneman, Coby Sedlacek, Nick Garber, and Don Spencer. Mayor Jared Sedlacek was absent. Employees present were Katlin Bruna and Melissa Minge. Employee Scott Wieden was absent. Guests included Markus Frese, CPA; Carl & Patsy Shrontz; Scott Zaboktrsky, County Commissioner & Jimmy Workman, WS County Public Works.

1. Markus Frese, CPA
 - a. Public Comment
 - i. Carl & Patsy Shrontz voiced concerns that the notice on their tax forms was not very noticeable, nor did it explain well enough what the meeting was concerning; they also did voice concerns regarding their appraisal on their property, and in the City of Hanover in general.
 1. The council did apologize that the notice on the tax forms were not noticeable, but this was something that would have to be voiced at the county level.
 2. The council also did let them know that as a council, they are trying to work on getting more of the City of Hanover taxes back into the city.
 - ii. There was no other public comment.
 - b. Scott made a motion, seconded by Don to approve Resolution 5-2023 to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Motion carried.
 - c. Scott made a motion, seconded by Coby to close the Revenue Neutral Rate Increase meeting at 7:00pm. Motion carried.

President of Council Kim Lohse called the 2024 Budget Hearing meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members present were Scott Jueneman, Coby Sedlacek, Nick Garber, and Don Spencer. Mayor Jared Sedlacek was absent. Employees present were Katlin Bruna and Melissa Minge. Employee Scott Wieden was absent. Guests included Markus Frese, CPA; Carl & Patsy Shrontz; Scott Zaboktrsky, County Commissioner & Jimmy Workman, WS County Public Works; and Sarah Rippe, Hanover Library Board President & Donna Jueneman, Hanover Librarian.

2. Markus Frese, CPA
 - a. Nick made a motion, seconded by Don to approve the 2024 Budget. Motion carried.
 - b. Scott made a motion, seconded by Coby to close the 2024 Budget Hearing at 7:20pm. Motion carried.

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3. Scott Zaboktrsky, County Commissioner & Jimmy Workman, WS County Public Works
 - a. Jimmy Workman explained that he had inspected the bridge on Washington street and noticed that there had once been a fire under the bridge, so the bridge is burned underneath, there is a gas line that is attached and runs along the bridge, and when the Farmer's Coop has a train in and covering the track on Main Street that over loaded trucks run over this bridge. Therefore, with these issues the county decided to apply for a grant to replace this bridge. The cost to replace the bridge is \$1,090,638; the council received a \$1,000,000 grant. Scott and Jimmy asked the council if they would be interested in splitting the remaining \$90,638 with the county.
 - i. The council mention to Scott and Jimmy that they were not sure if they would be able to split the cost of the \$90,638 due to having the water project payment coming up and trying to save for other projects that are needing to be done such as our sewer lines and streets. The council mentioned that the county takes in more taxes from the city than the city receives back and is wondering since it is a county owned bridge why they are not paying for the remaining cost?

- ii. The council also inquired that the county knowing the bridge is badly burned underneath with the gas line that is running along it and the amount of traffic and trucks that access the bridge daily; if the council is unable to help split the cost, will the county still be moving forward with the project?
 - b. Scott Zaboktrsky was going to discuss with the county commissioners at their next meeting about paying the remaining cost and the council was going to discuss if they were able to help with cost and let them know.
- 4. Sarah Rippe, Hanover Library President and Donna Jueneman, Hanover Librarian
 - a. Sarah Rippe and Donna Jueneman wanted to discuss with the council their library budget as they had heard there were some concerns from the council and they were unable to be at the August meeting.
 - b. Sarah went over the 2024 budget with the council and tried to give some explanation of why the budget was raised.
 - i. Donna made the comment that the reading programs have a little over 100 kids even after cutting the age back and so the cost of materials is rising, and she and the board are always working to find ways to lessen the costs but still make it successful and fun.
 - ii. Costs of books, services, & materials for the library have gone up.
 - iii. Mill Levy of the Library
 - 1. Council & Sarah has inquired about how the library budget & mill levy works
 - a. The library board makes their budget and turns into the city council to give to their CPA. According to Charter Ordinance 8, the library cannot exceed 5 mills in one year.
 - b. Clerk is still trying waiting to hear from sources on some other unanswered questions.
 - iv. Council member Coby and Kim told Donna that they thought she was doing a great job at the library and told Sarah they appreciated her coming in the explain the reasonings of the increase in budget.
- 5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Don made a motion, seconded by Nick to the August 2023 treasurer report. Motion carried.
- 6. Expenditures
 - a. Coby made a motion, seconded by Scott to approve the August 2023 expenditures. Motion carried.
- 7. Minutes
 - a. Coby made a motion, seconded by Don to approve the August 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- 8. Street Department
 - a. Building Permits
 - i. Nick made a motion, seconded by Don to approve Jacob & Allison Nagley and Justin Springer's building permits. Motion carried.
 - b. Part Time Help
 - i. Council discussed having Tim Koss come back to help Scott with anything he might need help with to get caught up before winter. Council agreed that if Tim was interested that would be great.
- 9. Water/Sewer Department
 - a. Grass Clippings in Creek
 - i. City office had a call that there was grass clippings being dumped in the creek by the corner of North Hollenberg and West Ferrel Streets. Clerk is to see who it might be and let them know to put in the dumpsite and also put a notice out that grass clippings need to be dumped in the dumpsite only.
- 10. Buildings & Properties
 - a. Community Building
 - i. Clerk followed up with cleanup projects; rentals; and concerns.
 - b. Kloppenberg Center
 - i. Clerk followed up with Kloppenberg Center board and all seems to be going well there.
- 11. Pool
 - a. Grant Money
 - i. Council discussed that since the price for the doors doubled that the city will return the grant money and re-apply for the grant with fresh ideas for next year.
- 12. Park

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- a. Clerk had a called regarding needing the picnic tables in the city park for an event in the city park; but city employees were unsure where any of the picnic tables went.
- b. Council would like clerk to put an announcement that if anyone in the city would like to use the picnic tables at the city park or the community building they need to call into the city office to check to see if they are available to use and if they are who is going to use them and when they will be returned.

13. Ball Fields

- a. Bleachers
 - i. USD 223 asked if the city would be interested in splitting the cost of purchasing new metal bleachers that would be on wheels. The estimated cost is \$70,000.
 - ii. The council suggested asking USD 223 if they would be interested in splitting the cost of starting to replace the boards on the bleachers we have now.

14. Council

- a. Newsletter
 - i. Cost of advertising, materials, etc. Tabled for more information
- b. Vacuum for City Office
 - i. Don made a motion, seconded by Scott to approve the purchase of the Milwaukee vacuum. Motion carried.

15. Adjourn

- a. Scott made a motion, seconded by Coby to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings

October 11, 2023

November 8, 2023