

Minutes of the Work Session of the City Council of the City of Manchester
Monday, February 5, 2024

Mayor Behnken called the work session to order at 5:00pm.

Roll call of members present: Joe Dittrick, Bryan Gray, Mary Ann Poynor, Bill Scherbring, Linda Schmitt.
Absent: None.

Also present: Alison Hegland, Tim Heims, Doug Foley, Chad Wulfekuhle, Perry Peterson

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The following department heads presented their FY 2024/25 proposed budgets to the City Council:

- Library Director Alison Hegland
- Building Official/Zoning Administrator Tim Heims
- Parks & Recreation Director Doug Foley
- Water Department Superintendent Chad Wulfekuhle
- Wastewater Department Superintendent Perry Peterson

Notes of special interest included renovation and maintenance expenses for the library, Baum Park shelter, Tirrill Park Band shell, Kramer Aquatic Center, park trails, water meter and radio read replacement, water towers, wastewater plant maintenance, and lift stations. It was also noted all departments (excluding the library) have budgeted for vehicle replacements. The Council discussed the departmental requests, reviewed water and sewer rate increases, prioritization of capital projects, and discussed other budgetary items.

DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

The City Council reviewed a draft assessment policy based upon discussion from the January 31, 2024 meeting. The Council was not in agreement with the new language and discussed additional modifications to the revised policy. City Staff were directed to re-draft the revised policy. The Council also discussed the timeline for implementing changes. City Manager Vick stated he would revise the assessment language and send it to them via email. He asked Council Members to respond with their comments prior to Thursday, February 8. The Resolution of Necessity for the 2024 East Main Street Project will be on the agenda for consideration on Monday, February 12, 2024.

ADJOURN

Motion by Scherbring, seconded by Gray that the meeting adjourn at 8:25pm. On call of roll: Ayes: Scherbring, Gray, Dittrick Poynor, Schmitt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Connie Behnken, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Thomas, Deputy City Clerk