

**RUGBY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FOR 2013 BUDGET
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
7:30 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council Members present: Lotvedt, Jacobson, Bednarz, Hoffert, Warner, Geiszler, and Wentz. Also present: Mayor Cichos, and City Auditor Hauck. Absent was Council Member Rheault.

Mayor Cichos presided and called the meeting to order. Council members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call of council members by Mayor Cichos.

Finance Committee Chairman Geiszler and City Auditor Hauck reviewed the proposed 2013 budget. For the 2012 Budget, 118.35 mills were requested. The 2013 Budget is requesting a mill levy of 108.27. The decrease in mills is due to the increase in property valuation in the city.

The council discussed the various requests made by the departments. Some requests were included in the budget and some were not. A fifth officer for the police department was excluded. The subject will be revisited for the 2014 Budget.

Departmental requests that were approved include \$6,000 for a new police policy, \$50,000 set aside for a blade to be purchased in the future, \$30,000 set aside for a jet machine, \$50,000 set aside for the Fire Hall, and various other requests were approved. Some requests that were denied include a fifth officer for the police department, council room furniture, and a building addition for the city shop.

No changes were made to the preliminary budget, with the total requested amount to levy being \$528,966.96. City Auditor Hauck and Councilman Geiszler reported that the requested amount would give a mill levy increase of 4.15% from last year with the increase in taxable valuation of the city. Final budget approval will be held at the October 1, 2012, regular council meeting.

Discussion was held on the employee wages. The council agreed that an increase in wages is important to stay competitive with wages in order to keep the good employees that we currently have.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Dawn Hauck, City Auditor

Date Submitted

David Cichos, Mayor

Date Approved