

Minutes of the special council meeting held March 27, 2024, at 6:00pm. Present council members Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, Austin Miller, Sean Roman, Trent Adams, and Mary Moore. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard were also present.

Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m. by Mayor Rodriguez.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Adams to open the floor for the FY2025 Propose Tax Levy hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Leonard explained that this proposed hearing would be the first hearing and that the public could ask questions. She informed the public that this was the initial hearing and due to publication deadlines, these numbers reflected the max requested by departments. Since the publication council has held meetings to reduce the levy and will have another meeting to finalize those numbers, prior to setting the date for the final hearing.

The public asked several questions in relation to the rate increases:

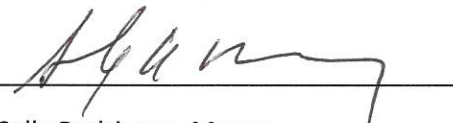
Township fire contributions, property valuations, increased FICA & IPERS benefits, fire trucks and equipment capital reserve, the debt service levy for the GO bond payment, streets improvements, water/sewer rate increases and improvements, including the well improvements.

There were casual discussions on the proposed increase.

The council welcomed the public that the scheduled budget discussion that was scheduled for Thursday March 28, had been postponed to April 01, 2024, at 5:00pm so that all department heads could be in attendance.

Motion by Roman and seconded by Adams to close the public hearing at 6:54pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Adams to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Sally Rodriguez, Mayor



Tanna Leonard, City Clerk