

**BELGRADE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, AT 6:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Leah Fernelius, Kent Carda , Betty Braegelman and Ray Wold
Sarah Pflueger came in shortly after the meeting stated. **OTHERS:** Joe Dickhoff, Darren Braegelman and
Connie Wold.

Mayor Fernelius called the meeting to order at 6pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council reviewed the quotes from Towmaster and an email costs from MacQueen Equipment for a new plow for the plow truck as the other is not working and needs to be replaced. Towmaster came in less and if ordered now can save 10% on increase of costs. K. Carda motioned and seconded by R. Wold to go with Towmaster for \$12,616. Motion carried.

Council discussed the officers pay for the fire department. Mayor Fernelius, Liaison Pflueger and Chief Dickhoff met last week to discuss starting with internal applications for the Chief and officers. Council discussed the Secretaries position and that position is responsible for the state reporting, timekeeping and minutes. With the increase of state reporting and the number of calls that the department has been responding to, council agreed to increase the annual salary from \$900 to \$1800. All other salaries were increased by \$100 accordingly. For the fire pumper interfund loan, council agreed to use the assigned funds from the fire capitol outlay to pay it off and not levy anymore for that in the fire budget. Motion by B. Braegelman and seconded by K. Carda to use the Fire capitol outlay funds to payoff the interfund sewer loan. Motion carried with R. Wold abstaining.

Council reviewed the first 5 pages of the 2023 proposed budget. For page 4, Darren brought up about what to budget for getting a new plow. Currently it would be 2-3 years out for receiving one. Currently there would be almost \$100,000 in assigned funds to use towards a new plow truck and a new one would cost about \$300,000., leaving \$200,000. Council discussed getting two state bids from two different companies for the purchasing requirements. Once pricing can be established the council can visit it again for how to purchase a new plow truck. Council agreed to double the amount usually budgeted for under equipment and capitol outlay for now. After all the changes made brought the levy to \$339,988, which is less than 2023. Council will finalize the budget at the next council meeting on the 18th of September.

After reviewing the August financials, B. Braegelman motioned and seconded by K. Carda to take \$50,000 from the EDA revolving fund and put into the highest yielding CD that the clerk can get. Motion carried. R. Wold motioned and seconded by S. Pflueger to take \$800,000 and move the funds to a highest yielding CD at either Magnifi or Kensington Banks. Motion carried.

Council agreed to increasing the Water and Sewer rates. Water would increase from \$5.40 to \$5.60 with the base increasing from \$8.00 to \$9.00. For Sewer it would increase from \$5.50 to \$5.75 and the base would increase from \$14.00 to \$15.00. Darren brought up that the city should look at getting a water meter at one of the hydrants that contractors use to take water from to keep them honest. Currently the city charges \$15 per thousand used.

Motion by R. Wold and seconded by S. Pflueger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:23pm.



Mayor-Leah Fernelius



City Clerk-Treasurer-Connie Wold