

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2023
4:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Sandra Magiera
Council Members: John Hill, Kylee Johnson,
Barry Smith, Michael Reed, Janet Koch
City Clerk: Tracy Chamberlain
City Comptroller: Robert Earley
Dog Control Officer: Timothy Haynoski
Empire Animal Rescue Society: Tawnee Bocharski -VIA Phone
Rail Museum Director: Jaré Cardinal
City Historian: James Griffith
Library Director: Jennifer Stickles
Library Treasurer: Dawn Fish
Library Board Members: Timothy Baird, Susan Zaprowski,
Nan Miller, Kathi Gimbrone

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of proposed 2023-2024 City Budget.

Dog Control Officer Haynoski reviewed the amounts in the Control of Animals proposed budget. He noted that since the change with the contracted shelter not housing dogs for the City's required five day hold, he has been holding dogs in the City Hall garage. He asked that the Council consider hiring someone to assist with walking the dogs when he not available. It was agreed to add to the personnel line and to look for assistance. Ms. Bocharski of Empire Animal Rescue Society (EARS) reviewed the costs under the Veterinarian expenses, noted that some costs have nearly doubled.

Rail Museum Director Jaré Cardinal reviewed the progress at the Museum and future plans. The Council thanked Director Cardinal for her work at the Museum.

City Historian Griffith noted that the Main Street bridge closing reduced traffic in the museum. He noted the Salamanca Chamber and Allegany State Park worked with the museums in the City to provide brochures to park visitors. He stated this helped to bring many visitors to the museums. The Historical Society is participating in area events and continue to do a newsletter.

Library Director Stickles and the Library Board reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 Library budget. The total projected budget expenses are \$239,580.00 with \$13,350.00 in revenue, for a total needed of \$226,230.00. The Council requested the Library Board consider changing the wage increase from 2.5% to 2%, which the City non-union staff will receive. It was noted that the staff did not receive a wage increase last year due to the cut in revenue. The Council noted they were not aware of this and would like to see them receive the raise this year.


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Comptroller Earley and Clerk Chamberlain reviewed the various expense lines.

There was discussion regarding meeting with Salamanca City Central School District officials about possible assistance. It was decided to ask the SCCSD to attend a regular Council meeting.

The Department expenses reviews will continue on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.



Tracy Chamberlain, City Clerk

DATED: February 3, 2023