

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024

The special meeting of November 18, 2024 was held at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, with Mayor Angela Kirk presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kirk called the roll. Mr. Michael Flaherty – present; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. Also present were Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, AICP, Clerk; Mike Confer, Police Chief; and, Rod Davisson, Esq. City Administrator.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

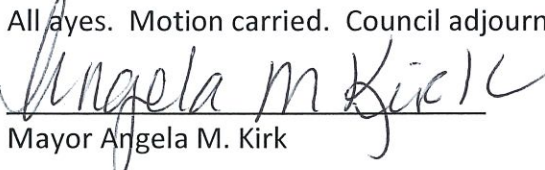
Mr. Davisson reviewed the 2025 proposed City budget. He stated the directors will be at the December 9th meeting for questions. He reviewed the general fund revenue, expenses, and fund balances from 2017 to 2024. In 2024, at the time this information was presented, general fund revenue was \$15,343,398.56 and expenses were \$15,694,952.44. This is not an issue because the City ended 2023 with \$12 million in reserves. Mr. Davisson reviewed monthly net income tax revenues. He stated it is hard to predict income. Revenues should be smoothing out. Revenues are up 14% over last year. In 2024, to date, the City has collected approximately \$45 million in revenue in all funds. Mr. Davisson reviewed specific funds. The general fund is the biggest fund.

Mr. Davisson stated there are approximately 650 line items in the budget. He provided Council a copy of the proposed budget. He highlighted areas where the budget increased by more than 10% over last year. He also provided Council with an itemized list of expenses by line item from 2021 through 2024. He stated there were significant increases in police expenses due to unionization and more officers.

Mr. Davisson stated the 2024 carryover was too high. The City needs to maintain a quarter of its operating budget for emergencies. The remainder of the funds need spent. Mr. Davisson stated the Mayor creates the budget and Council approves it. He discussed personnel moves that impact the budget. Mr. Flaherty stated he wants sports every season. The budget has money for additional personnel. Mr. Flaherty stated personnel is needed to offer superb services to the residents. Mr. Davisson asked Council to review the budget in preparation of the December 9th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 6:40 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council