COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
August 31, 2026
2nd Floor, City Building, 201 S. Union St.

Mayor Yates called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Those in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Price did roll call. Present were Doyle Moore, Erin Jubril, Mayor Yates, Spencer Kingery, Denny Myers and Dale Seward.

Mayor Yates opened the 2027 budget workshop stating there would be discussion only with no votes taken. He also stated that public comments and discussion would be accepted during the public hearing in October. The meeting focused on the General budget and items needing to be addressed for specific departments.

Ed Nagle and Larry Gruber were in attendance to represent the airport board. They updated the council with recent upgrades to the airport and agreed to cut the office supply line item to $600.00 from the initial $1200.00 presented for budget approval.

Aaron Lyons was in attendance to represent the street/parks department. He stated that he is looking to replace 1 truck that has an extensive amount of rust and wear. He also stated that he would like to replace the body on a truck to cut costs and save money because the chassis is still in good condition and has low miles so it would be cost effective to only replace the body.

Fire Chief Dan Dulin was present to answer questions regarding the submitted fire budget. He stated that he doubled the part-time pay line to account for 2 firefighters to be on call throughout the year instead of 1. He also stated that he increased the tax line item to account for employee taxes for the coming year. He commented that there have been approximately 200 runs for service since beginning station coverage. Clerk-Treasurer Price asked if he could provide the breakdown for fire calls and ambulance service help so the council would have an idea of what the calls for service consist of.

The council continued with a review of the general budget recommendations with cuts to specific line items and additions to other line items to account for rising costs.

The topics of the budget included pay raises. By consensus, council agreed to a 3% raise for all employees including the council and board of works members. They also discussed taking the Code Enforcement position to part-time. Dale Seward noted that for the record, he is still against the code enforcement position and thinks the position should be eliminated. Spencer Kingery stated that the suggestion would be for the next council meeting to vote on the change from full-time to part-time. Doyle Moore suggested speaking to the Police Chief about the extra workload of doing the code enforcement. Mayor Yates stated that it would be put on the September 8th council docket for discussion.

Council reviewed other budget categories including EDIT, CCMG, MVH, Rainy Day, and Riverboat asking questions to which Mayor Yates and clerk/treasurer Price responded.

Some of the items needing to be reviewed after checking into rising costs are property/vehicle insurance, longevity pay, FICA/med, PERF, and animal control.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, Erin Jubril moved to adjourn, second by Denny Myers. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Mayor Kamron Yates

Clerk-treasurer, Julie Price-Attest