

OAK GROVE COUNCIL
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 12, 2022

The Budget Work Session of the Oak Grove City Council was called to order by Mayor Denno at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2022. Roll call was taken.

Present: Dan Denno, Mayor
Weston Rolf, Council Member
Mike Wylie, Council Member
Paul Tradewell, Council Member
John West, Council Member

Also Present: Loren Wickham, City Administrator
Jessica Rieland, City Clerk
Julie McMackins, Abdo

1. 2023 Final Levy & Budget

Administrator Wickham noted that this is the final budget work session of the year and that the council will be adopting the final levy and budget at the regular meeting. He added that Julie McMackins, from Abdo is present to answer any questions the council may have. Administrator Wickham provided an updated CIP, budget memo, and a memo from Engineer Schwartz regarding the road maintenance schedule.

Mayor Denno mentioned that the biggest change to the budget at this time is the annual contribution to the fire pension.

Administrator Wickham added that it is a voluntary contribution and that the fire pension fund is over 100% funded.

Council Member Wylie noted that the fire pension is 110% funded and inquired why the council would continue to make contributions when it is already fully funded.

Administrator Wickham replied that the voluntary contribution prolongs the need for a mandatory contribution.

The council agreed to reduce the contribution from \$27,000 to \$10,000.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF TO CONTRIBUTE \$10,000 TO THE FIRE PENSION FUND.

Council Member Rolf read a text he received from a resident that was not able to attend the meeting. The resident suggested limiting the calls the fire department responds to and billing non-Oak Grove residents for emergency services.

Angie Bray Johnson 19070 Silverrod St NW mentioned that she has been contacted by a dozen residents that would like the council to reconsider offering the gopher feet bounty.

Mayor Denno asked if the bounty could come out of the Public Benefit Fund.
Administrator Wickham replied yes.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO ADD \$750 TO THE BUDGET TO CONTINUE OFFERING THE GOPHER FEET BOUNTY. Motion carried 4-1. Council Member Rolf opposed.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO RESCIND THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PAY INCREASE OF \$25. Motion failed 2-3. Mayor Denno, Council Member West, and Council Member Rolf opposed.

2. Adjournment

City Council date

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Rieland
City Clerk