

City of Menasha  
Common Council  
2012 Budget Review Session  
Common Council Chambers  
Wednesday, November 2, 2011  
MINUTES

- A. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order by Mayor Merkes at 5:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call/Excused Absences  
PRESENT: Aldermen Klein, Taylor, Sevenich, Langdon, Krueger, Zelinski, Benner  
EXCUSED: Alderman Englebert  
ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Merkes, C/T Stoffel, Clerk Galeazzi, FC Auxier, DFC DeLeeuw, PRD Tungate, Pk Supt Maas.
- D. People from the Gallery to be heard on matters pertaining to the agenda (five (5) minute time limit for each person)
- Jenny Whiting, 326 Winnebago Ave. Friends of the Pool organization of residents willing to work together to keep pool open.
- Dr. Michael Gitter, 225 Lake Road. Member of Friends of the Pool; importance of a pool for the health of residents.
- Tom Marshall, 1166 Fieldview Drive. Member of Friends of the Pool; pool is a safe area for youth to socialize.
- Rebecca Nicholls, 402 Elm Street. Support Park & Recreation program. Small percentage of taxes goes to operate pool; people look for good parks and other recreational amenities when moving to a community.
- Chad Bruechert, Pool Manager. Pool employees make good role models for young child that attend the pool.
- Clerk's Note: Dan Kutschere, 1019 Woodland Drive arrived at the meeting after the public comment section was over. He gave me a copy of what he was going to read to the Council in support of the pool.
- E. Fire Department
- C/T Stoffel explained an adjustment to the Fire Department budget based on discussion at the NM Fire Rescue Joint Finance and Personnel Committee.
- Moved by Ald. Benner, seconded by Ald. Taylor that any reduction of a line item of each budget be not less than \$1,000.
- Discussion ensued on limiting reductions.
- Motion failed on roll call 3-4.  
Ald. Taylor, Langdon, Benner – yes  
Ald. Klein, Sevenich, Krueger, Zelinski - no

FC Auxier gave an explaining of the requests for the adjustment in the Fire Dept. Budget.

Discussion/Questions/Answers on the Fire. Dept. Budget.

Moved by Ald. Sevenich, seconded by Ald. Taylor to reduce the Fire Dept. budget account #100-0501-522-2501 Payment to Other Municipal Entities by \$3,830.  
Motion carried on roll call 7-0.

Moved by Ald. Sevenich, seconded by Ald. Krueger to increase the Fire Dept. budget account #100-0501-522-8005 Capital Outlay, Other Equipment by \$4,022.  
Motion carried on roll call 7-0.

F. Parks/Recreation/Forestry/Cemetery/Pool

PRD Tungate and Pk Supt Maas explained some changes in their budget.

Discussion/Questions/Answers on the Pool Budget

Moved by Ald. Krueger, seconded by Ald. Taylor to provide cost savings on days pool is not operating.

Moved by Ald. Zelinski, seconded by Ald. Taylor to amend to provide true cost to operate the pool.

Motion on amendment carried on roll call 5-2.

Ald. Klein, Taylor, Langdon, Krueger, Zelinski – yes

Ald. Sevenich, Benner – no

Motion as amended carried on roll call 5-2

Ald. Klein, Taylor, Langdon, Krueger, Zelinski – yes

Ald. Sevenich, Benner – no

Moved by Ald. Sevenich, seconded by Ald. Taylor to increase the Pool budget account #100-552-30-15 by \$1,460

Discussion ensued on what the increase amount would be used for.

Ald. Sevenich and Taylor removed their motion.

Ald. Sevenich asked for unanimous consent to allow discussion with people in the gallery. No objection.

Discussion/Questions/Answers on Parks & Recreation, Forestry and Cemetery budgets.

G. Mayor

Discussion/Questions/Answers on Mayor's budget

H. Adjourn

Moved by Ald. Klein, seconded by Ald. Langdon to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah A. Galeazzi, WCMC, City Clerk