

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chair DeVoss at 5:15 pm. Johnson-Solberg and DeVoss were present. Absent: Johnson. Also present: Aulik & Hottmann

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. *Approval of the Minutes from August 20, 2024.* Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by DeVoss to approve the minutes from August 20, 2024. Voice vote. Motion carried 2-0.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

2. *Preliminary discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 Operating Budget.* Aulik reviewed the General, Library & Debt Service Fund budgets. She explained that as operating budgets cost more and more with very little increase in tax levy, then there are less levy dollars to fund capital projects. This year the operating budget is funded but there is very little left to do Capital projects and borrowing will be needed to complete these projects.

Chief Wilhelm presented a request for a new officer. The request is estimated at \$100K. Aulik requested minor wage increases for administrative staff members which would result in \$4,766 to the general fund. Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by DeVoss to leave these request in preliminary budget. Voice vote. Motion carried 2-0.

3. *Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the City's Capital Improvement Plan.* Aulik reviewed the preliminary Capital Improvement Plan with the Committee. She met with each Department to develop the plan. The preliminary plan has been sent to Ehlers for review and recommendation. However, it is not expected back until after the preliminary budget has been approved. Aulik stated that has levy funds continue to be diverted from Capital operating, the City will need to develop a borrowing plan to fund Capital. The CIP and Financial management plan will be tools the City can use to stay on track with these projects. 2025 Capital Requests will be reviewed at the next Finance meeting on Oct 10th.

**IV. ADJOURN**

4. *Motion to Adjourn.* Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by DeVoss to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 2-0.