

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:00 p.m.. February 14, 2012
BUDGET WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. On the motion of Council President Rummler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Endicott, Donna Riegel, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, John Adams, Craig Rummler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Wessler (late)

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

AUDITORS: Ken Moore, CPA, RMA and Nancy Sbrolla, CPA, RMA

ACTING CFO: Gina Simon

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Ken Moore states the following: Only used \$90,000 of surplus. We are \$35,000 over levy cap. We were able to cancel the remaining balance of the emergency from 2010. The City also received \$53,000 for the demolition of City Hall. We only have \$36,000 of emergency money left, we're budgeting nine this year which will provide three more years after that to pay that down. With budget numbers given, the City is in good shape starting out the meeting.

Council President Rummler states his concerns about reevaluations. Every year Bill Johnson the City's Tax Assessor, states that we need a reevaluation. We are one of the few municipalities who haven't had it done and we have to look at it seriously. Councilmembers Giberson and Bugdon feel we can hold off until something comes down in writing from the Board of Taxation that we need to do a reval. Ken advises that it can be something that could be spread over five years as a special emergency. Council President Rummler states that he goes by the theory that you put a little bit aside and then you don't have to spread it out.

Ken states that we are under no obligation to pay anything against the bond this year. We have the interest budgeted which we have to do but we have to pay any of the principle and there's really at this point no reason to because the rate is so low that it's not a big deal. I think next year based on what Mayor & Council do this year maybe we can revisit this.

Councilmember Giberson discusses costs that were not budgeted for the new city hall such as, engineering costs, parking lot and landscaping, telephone, equipment, emergency generator. Ken advises that available funds from the BAN can be used.

City Solicitor has been arbitrarily moved from payroll to 1099. Mayor Giberson for the record: I wouldn't mind he if was sitting here next to me at all the meetings paying him a little extra but when I had to call him on the phone to get something started that's not

being done properly because of the person who is sitting next to me then I feel shorted for the City of Port Republic.

Salary figures remain on hold until personnel committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk