

AUGUST 28, 2023

A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING was called to order by Mayor Randall Hibberd at 6:00 PM with the following present:

ROLL CALL: [6:00:25 PM](#)

PRESENT: Layna Hafer, Larry Hogg, Cliff Barberis, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell and Marg Chipman.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Randal Hibberd, Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Margaret Taggart, Jason George, Pat Malay, Dave Loos, Carl Smith, Margaret Taggart, Bill Taylor, Pete Ney, Timbra Long, Mackenzie Kissell, Sjon Spens and Sherri Breaux.

GUESTS: Georgia Plischke, Lisa Collini, Katie Von Brethorst, Ginger Taylor, Christina Stanley, Phil Janquart, Katie Morgan, Gretchen Davis and Delton Walker.

Pledge of Allegiance, was led by Mayor Hibberd. [6:00:55 PM](#)

FY2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & PRESENTATION [6:01:33 PM](#)

Public Works Director, Mike Campbell presented the FY2024 Budget:

FY2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
PRESENTED TO:

THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF WEISER, MAYOR & COUNCIL

**FY2024 Total Budget Expenditures: \$17,161,480.88 [6:02:07 PM](#)**

Increase from FY2023: \$2,383,544.88

Includes: Small Business Grant \$ 750,000.00  
Purchase New Loader \$ 275,000.00  
Rehab Water Reservoir #1 \$1,038,800.00 these are ARPA Funds.

**FY2024 Total Budget Revenues: \$15,127,792.88 [6:02:41 PM](#)**

**FY2024 Budgeted Fund Balance: \$ 2,314,078.43 [6:02:50 PM](#)**

FY2023 Budgeted Fund Balance: \$ 431,277.00  
FY2022 Budgeted Fund Balance: \$ 374,321.00 Actual Fund Balance Used: \$5,105.64.  
FY2021 Budgeted Fund Balance: \$ 134,046.00 Actual Fund Balance Used: \$ 0.00

FY2024 BUDGET REVENUE SOURCES [6:03:34 PM](#)

**Total Property Tax Levy:**

General Fund \$1,446,135.00  
Library \$ 145,672.00  
Street Department \$ 237,898.00  
Tort Fund \$ 105,644.00  
Recreation Department \$ 98,339.00

TOTAL: \$2,033,688.00

**Revenue From Grants & Government Agencies: \$4,066,970.00 24% of Total Budget.**

FY2024 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: **6:04:16 PM**

**Mayor & City Council:** \$170,197.00

Includes:

Continued Funding for W.I.C.A.P.	\$ 500.00
Continued Funding for Rose Advocates	\$1,800.00
Continued Funding for S.R.E.D.A.	\$1,500.00
Continued Funding for Economic Development	\$9,900.00

**General Administration:** \$666,046.46

Includes Continued Funding for Informational Technology and the Civil Attorney.

**Police Department:** \$1,745,041.00

Includes funding for Criminal Attorney.

**Animal Control:** \$89,005.00

**Fire Department:** \$262,843.00

**Building Inspection & Planning and Zoning Administration:** \$119,556.06

**Parks Department:** \$123,585.87

**Swimming Pool:** \$72,109.00

**Vendome:** \$142,982.22

Includes: For New Equipment	\$14,000.00
For Maintenance	\$10,000.00

**Special Events:** \$786,000.00

Includes: Historical Society Grant	\$ 4,000.00
Small Business Grant	\$750,000.00

**Building Maintenance:** \$49,416.00

Includes: Replacing City Hall Awning \$10,000.00

**Shop:** \$89,301.66

**Stores:** \$104,274.32

FY2024 TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$4,420,357.59

Increase of \$506,520.00 from FY2023 Budget.

FY2024 TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES: \$4,147,620.45

FY2024 REQUIRED FUND BALANCE: \$ 275,237.14

Increase of \$431,277.00 from FY2023 Budget.

FY2024 LIBRARY, STREETS, TORT, RECREATION AND AIRPORT DEPARTMENT  
EXPENDITURES: **6:06:34 PM**

**Library Fund:** \$219,910.09

**Street Department Fund:** \$3,057,298.00

Includes: Projects	\$ 84,258.46
Local Transportation Grant	\$2,000,000.00
Indianhead Pathway	\$ 250,000.00
Share For Loader	\$ 55,000.00

**Tort Fund:** \$161,555.00

**Recreation Department Fund:** \$207,089.00

**Airport Fund:** \$320,449.00

Includes: FAA Federal Grant \$182,750.00

FAA State Grant \$ 10,139.00

Match Shares \$ 10,139.00

FY2024 REQUIRED FUND BALANCE: \$0.00

FY2024 ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENDITURES: **6:07:37 PM**

**Water Department Fund:** \$2,688,800.00

Includes: Projects \$ 155,614.20

Reservoir #1 Rehab \$1,038,800.00 (ARPA Funds)

Share For Loader \$ 55,000.00

**Electric Department Fund:** \$4,058,442.20

Includes: New Bucket Truck \$ 275,000.00

Projects \$ 200,000.00

Share For Loader \$ 55,000.00

New Dump Trailer \$ 10,000.00

**Garbage Department Fund:** \$577,000.00

Includes: Share For Loader \$ 55,000.00

**Sewer Department Fund:** \$1,435,080.00

Includes: New Pickup \$ 50,000.00

Share For Loader \$ 55,000.00

**6:08:42 PM** – Mayor Hibberd added that the Boom Truck for the Electric Department that was budgeted for \$275,000.00 we bought it today for under \$250,000.00. We bought a used one that was just like it.

**6:09:00 PM** – Mike Campbell, that was actually budgeted for this year, we were just carrying it over because we didn't know and then they called and said there was one available in Denver. We picked it up this morning.

**IN FAVOR: 6:09:27 PM**

**6:09:53 PM** – Christina Stanley, 440 W Idaho, Weiser ID. Looking at the Budget I'm not seeing a lot of discrepancies, it's pretty straight forward we're holding our own on most areas. I see a huge increase in insurance cost, but I think anybody in this room has seen huge increase in insurance costs and that's a huge percentage of the increase that I'm seeing. It's been explained to me on the carry over and how that's working and the Fund Balances are being used to balance the budget, that's what those funds are for. Many families are doing the same right now, groceries are tight they are using their food storage, they're using their savings and that's a sign of a well managed city. Instead of just saying we are going to raise your taxes to cover this, we're going to figure out ways to do it and we plan for a rainy day. I'm in favor of this budget, I'm not seeing anything that is out of line. I understand that the administrative cost and the employee cost that has to do with the Fire Department merging and I see that we took the biggest hit last year on that and this year it's kind of leveled out to where it was prior to the merger. I'm good and I appreciate it, thank you.

**6:11:20 PM** - Mike Campbell, the insurance that we did negotiate this year has a maximum of 12% increase for next year. Christina Stanley, that's still a lot. Mike, it is but it's better than what we could see if we went out to the market again.

**6:11:36 PM** – Marg Chipman, what was the percent increase this year? Mike Campbell, we started at 28% and negotiated it down to just under 16%.

**6:11:56 PM** – Georgia Plischke, 1292 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Weiser ID. I just wondered if you could explain a little more about what we do have in the Fire Department and where it's going. Mayor Hibberd, as far as? Georgia, well there's personnel in there and you don't have personnel anymore. Mike Campbell,

we left all those lines in our system and broke it up that way just in case this Fire Department comes back to the City, there's already a lined budget for everything just to come back and we have a place to put all the money. Georgia, OK, but the money that's there is going to? Mike, straight to the Rural Fire Department. Georgia, that's what I needed to know, thank you.

**NEUTRAL** – No Public Comments or Questions. **6:13:05 PM**

**AGAINST** – No Public Comments or Questions. **6:13:15 PM**

**THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 6:13:27 PM.**

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING STARTED 6:13:28 PM**

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Layna Hafer, Larry Hogg, Cliff Barberis, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell and Marg Chipman.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** Jason George, Pat Malay, Dave Loos, Carl Smith, Margaret Taggart, Pete Ney, Timbra Long, Mackenzie Kissell, Sjon Spens, Delton Walker and Sherri Breaux.

**GUESTS:** Georgia Plischke, Lisa Collini, Katie Von Brethorst, Ginger Taylor, Christina Stanley, Phil Janquart, Katie Morgan and Gretchen Davis.

**ORDINANCE #1267 FY2024 BUDGET – Action Item. 6:14:13 PM**

**6:14:27 PM** – Larry Hogg, thanked everyone responsible for putting the FY2024 Budget together. It's an excellent job and it's a good budget. Our Department Heads do a really good job of keeping things at a minimum. You guys make our job much easier by the work and job you do.

**6:15:20 PM** – Mayor Hibberd, it was a group effort with a lot of the burden falling on Mike Campbell this year. It was a new project for him to handle and he did a great job putting it all together.

**6:15:39 PM** – Layna Hafer, one of the things I truly respect about how Mike Campbell has handled this is that he did reach back out to the accountant whenever there was a question. He went to AIC, he did his homework on all of these things and I know that you took this upon your shoulders beyond the doors of this office and I really appreciate all that extra work Mike. Mike Campbell, I couldn't have done it without everybody else's help though.

**6:16:23 PM** – City Clerk Natasha McDaniel read Weiser City Ordinance #1267 in full.

**6:20:08 PM**

**Motioned by** Layna Hafer and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to suspend the rules and send Ordinance #1267 on to it's third and final reading by title only.

**6:20:46 PM**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins, Larry Hogg, Layna Hafer, Cliff Barberis and Marg Chipman

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**6:20:19 PM** – City Clerk Natasha McDaniel read Ordinance #1267 by Title only.

**6:21:34 PM**

**Motioned by** Layna Hafer and seconded by Cliff Barberis to approve Weiser City Ordinance #1267.

**6:21:52 PM**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: Marg Chipman, Cliff Barberis, Layna Hafer, Mike Hopkins, Larry Hogg and Sterling Blackwell  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
MOTION CARRIED.

**LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR – Action Item. [6:22:26 PM](#)**

Mayor Hibberd, presented the names of Katie Morgan and Gretchen Davis for appointments to the Weiser Library Board, upon Council approval. Mayor Hibberd explained that we would normally wait until the next City Council Meeting to present these, but in order for them to have a quorum at their next meeting they will need these appointments.

[6:23:28 PM](#) – Sterling Blackwell, as the Library Representative I would like to say that both Gretchen and Katie have done incredible jobs for the Library already. For a number of years these two young ladies have ran programs during the summer, working with our youth, bringing STEM and all sorts of things. They both have just an incredible knowledge and passion for the Library and I think they are the perfect fit for what the Library is trying to do for our youth and for our community. They have my full support.

[6:24:10 PM](#) – Layna Hafer, I just think we are so fortunate, just reading the letters that were submitted, for you who can't see the letters, this is really awesome to have people who want to serve the city. We just really appreciate you putting your names forward.

**[6:24:35 PM](#)**

**Motioned by** Cliff Barberis and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve Gretchen Davis and Katie Morgan to the Weiser Library Board.

**[6:24:52 PM](#)**

AYES: Layna Hafer, Larry Hogg, Cliff Barberis, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell and Marg Chipman  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVE PURCHASE OF POLICE 2021 CHEVY EQUINOX SUV IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,116.00 – Action Item. [6:25:11 PM](#)**

Mayor Hibberd, on this I'm going to beg for forgiveness. We did not purchase the cruisers that we have planned this year. There was room in the budget to purchase this vehicle, but it was not what was originally intended and I gave my OK without thinking that through, so I beg for forgiveness on this.

[6:25:52 PM](#) – Sterling Blackwell, so this takes the place of both cruisers? Mayor Hibberd, it takes the place of both cruisers. Sterling, was that the idea? Mayor Hibberd affirmed.

[6:26:01 PM](#) – Mike Campbell, we've actually budgeted for three and have got two, this is actually the third one.

[6:26:11 PM](#) – Police Chief Carl Smith, in the current budget we had budgeted for three police cars, we received two cars and outfitted those two cars. There was a huge cost overrun on the equipment for those two cars which didn't leave me enough to buy a third car, which we couldn't have anyway because they stopped making them and they are still not making them. Ford is just way behind on those orders for Police Interceptors. It left me about \$33,000.00 in my budget. I talked to the Mayor, we needed a new admin car desperately, it's my car, it's a 2006 and our mechanic can't even work on it anymore, it's the transmission. I found a used vehicle for around \$30,000.00, leaving about \$3,000.00 in my budget. I talked with the Mayor about this and he told me to go ahead and purchase it, I think he is asking for forgiveness for both of us. We did not come before you to get that OKed before we did that.

[6:27:31 PM](#) – Sterling Blackwell, is there any retrofitting that needs to be done? Chief Smith, yes there is. Sterling, is that going to come out of this budget or next year? Chief Smith, this year, I do still have money to do that.

[6:27:47 PM](#) – Chief Smith, it is a 2021 with 10,000 miles on it. It's like a brand new vehicle, it's a one owner vehicle, it's a good vehicle. It should serve our purposes for quite a while.

**6:28:03 PM** – Larry Hogg, it's not like you spent money that you didn't have budgeted. It's not the exact car but if your car is a 2006 it needs to be replaced.

**6:28:32 PM** – Cliff Barberis, this will be your car Chief? Chief Smith affirmed. Cliff, it will be outfitted just like the other ones? Chief Smith, it won't be marked. It is white like all the other ones.

**6:28:47 PM**

**Motioned by** Larry Hogg and seconded by Mike Hopkins to approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevy Equinox SUV for the Police Department from Hometown Motors, Inc, not to exceed \$30,116.00.

**6:29:28 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Layna Hafer, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins, Marg Chipman, Larry Hogg and Cliff Barberis

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVE GERMAN SPECIAL USE PERMIT; NONCONFORMING LOT ON EAST 12TH – Action Item. 6:29:48 PM**

Mayor Hibberd, again we would usually wait until the September meeting, but this property is in the Impact Area and still has to go before the County which would delay this process for these people. They are wanting to get a home built before winter so we are just trying to speed things along for them. You have a Special Use Permit in your packets for Robert & Sue German, it is a Nonconforming Lot on E. 12<sup>th</sup> and outside of the City Limits. It has already gone through P&Z, they have recommended approval on it.

**6:30:48 PM** – Larry Hogg, at the P&Z meeting there was no testimony against the request. It is in the City Impact Area and it is part of the County, so I believe it is a recommendation to the County P&Z for approval of the request. It is zoned Ag which is what apparently caused it to require a Special Use Permit at the County level.

**6:31:57 PM** – Dave Loos, City of Weiser P&Z. The request is because it is a Nonconforming Lot in the County, it's over one acre and under five acres, that's why they have to have a Special Use Permit on it to meet their zoning requirements.

**6:32:18 PM** – Layna Hafer, as a reminder to me, when we've had situations on Chicken Hill before the LID trips, there are only so many water hook ups. Bill Taylor, this particular lot does have water available through the LID off the gravity side of the reservoir.

**6:32:58 PM**

**Motioned by** Layna Hafer and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to recommend to the County P&Z our support for the Robert and Sue German Special Use Permit.

**6:33:21 PM**

AYES: Layna Hafer, Larry Hogg, Cliff Barberis, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell and Marg Chipman

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT – Action Item.**

**6:33:31 PM**

**Motioned by** Layna Hafer and seconded by Cliff Barberis to adjourn.

**6:33:41 PM**

AYES: Layna Hafer, Larry Hogg, Cliff Barberis, Alicia Fowler, Mike Hopkins and Sterling Blackwell

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION CARRIED.

THIS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT [6:33:40 PM](#)

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**Randall Hibberd, Mayor**

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**Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk**