

CITY OF BETTENDORF
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 25, 2024

The City Council of Bettendorf, Iowa held a Special City Council meeting on March 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Bettendorf City Hall, 1609 State Street, Bettendorf, Iowa.

The City of Bettendorf broadcasted this public meeting online at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofBettendorflowa>

Council Members Present: Adamson, Brown, Jager, Naumann, Sechser, Baden, and Palczynski (Virtually)

Presiding: Mayor Robert S. Gallagher

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED FY24/25 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Finance Director Jason Schadt and City Administrator Decker Ploehn gave a presentation on the proposed FY24/25 property tax levy and explained that there is no council action required tonight other than taking public comment, and that there will be a second public hearing on April 16, 2024 to finalize and adopt the budget. Mayor Gallagher asked Council for any questions. None presented. Mayor Gallagher verified that the Notice of Public Hearing had been published and no written correspondence had been received on the matter. Mayor Gallagher then opened the Public Hearing. John Prieto, 1360 Kimberly Ridge Road; Matt Mead, 3624 Greenbrier Drive; Glenn Dugan, 5736 Butterfield Court; and Teresa Schenck, 3508 Greenbrier Drive all addressed the council with their comments and/or questions regarding the increase in taxes, growth, and costs. No one else addressed the Council, and the Public Hearing was closed.

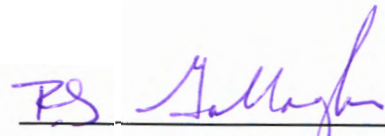
Finance Director Jason Schadt and City Administrator Decker Ploehn addressed public comments and questions accordingly. Mr. Schadt encouraged citizens to visit Bettendorf's website at www.bettendorf.org and view the various slide shows and videos on the budget and put their address into the calculator to see what their estimated city taxes would be with an increase to the levy.

Council Members Naumann and Sechser questioned staff and City Administrator Decker Ploehn, Finance Director Jason Schadt, and Assistant City Administrator Jeff Reiter responded accordingly. Council Member Jager stated in response to a comment made by Ms. Schenck about money being spent on a social media campaign that the city is in fact not spending any money on social media campaigns, and that there was some confusion on the Next Door App wherein someone posted that the city was spending \$50,000 on social media campaigns. Mr. Jager further stated the city received a \$50,000 grant from the state to pay for overtime for city police officers to conduct more traffic enforcement. Mr. Jager stated the only thing spent on the city's social media posts are the time of staff and Mayor Gallagher for his Mayor Messages. Council Member Palczynski thanked staff for all their work on this matter.

City Administrator Decker Ploehn stated staff would stick around for those attendees that wanted to check their estimated city taxes.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council Member Baden made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Jager seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:48 p.m.



Mayor Robert S. Gallagher

Attest:



City Clerk Decker P. Ploehn