

**Minneola City Council
Budget Hearing Minutes
Minneola City Hall
September 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also present were Councilor Pam Serviss, Vice Mayor Debbie Flinn, Councilor Erick Hernandez, Councilor Joe Saunders, Grant Watson (Assistant City Attorney), Mark Johnson (City Manager), and Kristine Thompson (City Clerk).

CALL TO ORDER BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Ian Wood, Eagle Scout**.

Mayor Kelley announced that the purpose of the hearing was for the adoption of the fire protection special assessments, tentative millage rate, and the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024

Grant Watson read the Fire Rescue Assessment Resolution No. 2023-17 by title only.

The budget hearing was paused at 6:32 p.m. in order to read the proclamation included on the City Council meeting agenda.

MOTION by Councilor Serviss, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Flinn to pause the Budget Hearing in order to read the proclamations included on the City Council meeting agenda.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Hernandez, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

The budget hearing resumed at 6:38 p.m.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Flinn, SECONDED by Councilor Serviss to adopt Fire Rescue Assessment Resolution 2023-17.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Hernandez, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Mayor Kelley announced the tentative millage rate for 2023-2024 is 5.700. The current year rollback rate is 6.2332. The current year tentative millage is less than the current year rollback rate.

Grant Watson read the Tentative Millage Rate Resolution 2023-13 by title only.

Mark Johnson presented the balanced budget and listed line items included in the budget. The current millage is 5.8, this request will lower the millage to 5.700 which is lower than the current rate and the rollback rate.

There was a discussion regarding other items that are included in the budget.

Public Comment

Richard Garvie, 827 Maple Forest Avenue, asked what the difference in revenue is between a millage rate of 5.7 and 5.8.

Mark Johnson advised the difference in revenue between the two millage rates.

There was a discussion regarding advertising requirements and if the millage rate could be increased.

Jennifer Morse, 1064 Golden Dawn Loop, inquired about other items included on the budget.

Nathan Focht, 707 Blue Citrus Lane, spoke about surplus amounts.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Flinn, SECONDED by Councilor Saunders to adopt the tentative millage rate of 5.700 for fiscal year 2023-2024 by Resolution 2023-13.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Hernandez, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Grant Watson read Resolution 2023-14 by title only.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

MOTION by Councilor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Saunders to adopt the tentative budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 by Resolution 2023-14.

91 **AYE:** Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Hernandez, Saunders

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97 **MOTION by Vice Mayor Flinn, SECONDED by Councilor Hernandez to close the budget**
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100 **AYE:** Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Hernandez, Saunders

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Kristine Thompson, City Clerk



Pat Kelley, Mayor

