

**NOVEMBER 18, 2024 COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Mayor Christopher Lund called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Shawn Prebil, Michelle Crisanti, Candy Davis, Tim Shaw, and Paul Davis

Excused: Jim Burdick

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, City Clerk Wendy Loveland, Library Director Beth Krebs-Smith, Police Chief Bob Kowalski, Finance Director Maddie Deegan, Working Foreman Curt Gilbertson, City Attorney Bill Morgan and a few citizens.

Loveland confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, November 15, 2024 at the City Hall, Library, Post Office and the City's website.

**ACCEPT THE AGENDA:** A Tim Shaw/Shawn Prebil motion accept the agenda as printed passed, all voted in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Council held a public hearing to hear comments regarding the 2025 Proposed Budget Document.

Council was presented with two amendments to the Budget Resolution. The first change included a recently received amount for a 2024 tax chargeback and the second version addressed the Fire District Budget.

Flanigan reported that staff was notified of a chargeback of 2024 taxes after the creation of the Levy Resolution. This adjustment was for taxes that were charged and paid in error in 2024, therefore the municipality had to refund them. The City's portion of those taxes were \$2,236. This can get added back into our levy limit for 2025.

The other amendment is for the Fire District portion of the budget. The DOR is not allowing the district to do an MOU for the additional staff, therefore, they will not meet the CPI +2. The District will present a modified budget to the Fire District board at their next meeting. This modification will reduce cost for the West Side municipalities by \$60,000, with the city's portion being \$20,000. If the board does not pass the amended budget, the Council will need to decide how the \$20,000 will be funded.

Hearing no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION 28-24:** Tim Shaw/Candy Davis moved to adopt City of Edgerton Resolution 28-24: Adopt the 2025 Annual Budget and Establish the 2024 Property Tax Levy for the City of Edgerton to include the lower Fire District budget version using 2024 contingency funds if not passed by other municipalities. The motion passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

**MINUTES:** A Shawn Prebil/Michelle Crisanti motion to approve the November 4, 2024 Council meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Finance Committee:** A Tim Shaw/Shawn Prebil motion to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$169,630.28 passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

A Tim Shaw/Shawn Prebil motion to adopt City of Edgerton Resolution 27-24: Amend Fee Schedule for Animal Fees passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

A Tim Shaw/Shawn Prebil motion to approve the change of agent for Kwik Trip, dba Stop-N-Go, agent Dawn Brehmer passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

A Tim Shaw/Shawn Prebil motion to approve the bid from Warden & Sons for painting of the Library in the amount of \$3,150 using Designated Funds from 2023 passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

A Tim Shaw/Shawn Prebil motion to approve a change order to the Arch Solar Project in the amount of \$2,000 for the installation of an EV charger at the DPW garage passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

A Tim Shaw/Shawn Prebil motion to approve the purchase of an EV Truck for the DPW in the amount of \$58,019 from Ewald Automotive passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

A Tim Shaw/Shawn Prebil motion to approve declaring the DPW truck surplus and setting a minimum bid of \$8,000 passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Tim Shaw/Shawn Prebil motion to approve the bids received for the scoreboard, fuel caddy and pickup truck passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

A Tim Shaw/Shawn Prebil motion to approve a policy amendment for minimum bids for auction items giving the department head authority to approve a bid if it is within 75% of the minimum bid passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

Mayor Lund requested agenda item #10 be moved up to accommodate the applicants. All Council members agreed to move agenda item #10 after item #9A.

**APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE:** With the passing of Judge Roethe, the municipalities that make up the Municipal court must appoint an interim judge. This judge would be appointed until April 2025. At that time an election will be held and the judge's seat will be put on the ballot for a 1-year term.

The city received 2 letters of interest for the Municipal Judge seat. The letters received were from Tom Klubertanz and Jenna Gresens. Both applicants addressed the Council.

A Tim Shaw/Michelle Crisanti motion to appoint Jenna Gresens for the Municipal Judge passed on a 4/1 roll call vote. Paul Davis voted against the motion.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

**Personnel Committee:** A Candy Davis/Tim Shaw motion to approve an MOU with the WPPA regarding policies and wages for Police Academy attendees passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

A Candy Davis/Tim Shaw motion to approve the 1-year wage rate for the newly hired patrol officer passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

**Plan Commission:** A Paul Davis/Tim Shaw motion to approve an extraterritorial land division for Peterson for lot line adjustment on E Knutsen Rd in Section 13 of the Town of Albion passed, all voted in favor.

A Paul Davis/Tim Shaw motion to approve an extraterritorial land division for Henning to combine lots on N Arrowhead Shores Dr in Section 16 of the Town of Fulton passed, all voted in favor.

A Paul Davis/Tim Shaw motion to approve an extraterritorial land division for Kase and Yusi He to combine lots on Ellendale Dr in Section 11 of the Town of Fulton passed, all voted in favor.

A Paul Davis/Tim Shaw motion to approve an extraterritorial land division for Bernstein to combine lots on Forest Ave in Section 36 of the Town of Albion passed, all voted in favor.

A Paul Davis/Tim Shaw motion to approve an extraterritorial land division for Morrison to combine lots on Hwy 59 in Section 7 of the Town of Fulton passed, all voted in favor.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL WAGE INCREASE:** The last increase in wages for the Mayor was in 1996 and the Council in 1998. Alderperson Paul Davis requested the Council consider an increase for both Mayor and Council positions.

**MAYOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:** A Michelle Crisanti/Candy Davis motion to approve the Mayor appointment of Richard Sturm to the Police Commission passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

**MAYOR, ALDERPERSON AND STAFF REPORTS:** Alderperson Paul Davis announced he would not run for another term as alderperson in April.

**RE-VISIT WAGE INCREASE FOR MAYOR/COUNCIL:** Attorney Morgan informed the Council about the State Statute regarding compensation. If an increase was approved, the seats that are filled in the 2025 election would receive an increase and the other seats would receive an increase in 2026. The Council could decide to make the increase effective in 2026 for all seats.

Shawn Prebil stated he would not be comfortable making a decision until data could be collected from other municipalities.

Tim Shaw stated he would like to gather salary information from the comparable municipalities.

Candy Davis previously requested data from other communities regarding wages for elected officials. She reported on comparable municipalities.

Shawn Prebil felt the small increase is unnecessary. He felt this increase would not entice the community to get involved. But he does agree that it is a time commitment and there should be some compensation. He is not opposed to discussing the topic but does not feel it is appropriate to make a decision now.

A Tim Shaw/Paul Davis motion to approve a wage increase for the Mayor to \$2,850/year and a wage increase for Council to \$2,500/year effective April 2026 passed on a 4/1 roll call vote. Shawn Prebil voted against the motion.

Being no other business before the Council, a Tim Shaw/Shawn Prebil motion to adjourn from closed session passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

Wendy Loveland  
City Clerk  
Adopted December 2, 2024