

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – WORK SESSION
AITKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

September 5, 2023

4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Megan Workman, Council Members: Kathy Galliger, Jason Henke, Julie Miller, Chris Dotzler

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

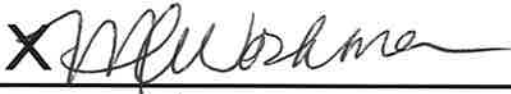
ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Jen Thompson, Chief of Police Paul Ryan, Street Commissioner Lon Nicko, Fire Chief Brian Pisarek, and Stand Gustafson

1. 2024 Preliminary Draft Budget Discussion

The Council was presented the 2024 Preliminary Draft Budget (Version 2023.08.31/4:36). Council Member Julie Miller, also a member of the Budget Committee, stated for the record that this was the first time she had seen a completed draft budget. The discussion opened by looking at the proposed preliminary levy increase of 8.61%. All council members expressed a desire for staff and department heads to review their budgets and see if they can find reasonable places where expenses could be cut. Reducing the levy increase and burden on the taxpayers is the priority of the council. The discussion focused on the 802 (Park), 104 (Police) funds. The 102 (Street) & 609 (Liquor Store) will be up for discussion at the next work session.

2. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Kathy Galliger, and approved with all in favor.



Megan Workman
Mayor



Mike Skrbich
City Administrator