



***HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2023***

**Mayor Chris Lund called the Budget Workshop to order at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Eric Poppler, Mitch Polzin, Tim Tracy, Jessica Weber, Public Works Jason Buckentin, City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen, Residents Sheldon Rucks and Mona Kerber.**

City Clerk Gruenhagen reviewed various budget items on the Budget Wish List.

Council and staff discussed the following 2024 Budget and Wish List items:

- Reduction in Fiscal Disparities resulted in a 2.2% Tax Rate increase.
- Current proposed tax levy increase is 5.17%, 8% Tax Levy Rate increase.
- Hall Rentals Income were increased \$2,000.
- Grinder Station Rebuild (\$90,000). Transfer from General Fund to Sewer Fund.
- Biggest expense over the current and past years is Legal Fees.
- Snow Removal Expenses were decreased \$2,000.
- Use Cash Reserves or City Savings to reduce the Proposed Tax Levy
- 2024 Street Improvements (Brad Street) costs
- 1% Increase in Water Rates generates about \$2,000.
- 1% Increase in Sewer/Strom Water Rates generates about \$700.
- Sewer Fund reserves being used to offset the Lift Station Valve Repairs estimated at \$40,000.
- City Council discussed using City Reserves (\$40,000) to reduce the property tax levy.
  - A 3% increase to tax levy would increase the City Tax Rate 5.8%, a 2% increase would put the City Tax Rate at about 4.6%. A 2% Tax Levy Increase would require about \$17,800 from City Reserves.
- City is working with GrantMatch.com to obtain grants for the Sanitary Sewer Rip Rap Project and Industrial Park Infrastructure.

**City Council will finalize the 2024 Budget at the December 12, 2023 Council Meeting.**

**MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to adjourn the Final Budget Workshop at 7:19 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**

Amended/Approved on March 31, 2024

  
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Jeremy Gruenhagen  
City Clerk/Treasurer