

**CITY OF NORWICH
JOINT MEETING of the
PUBLIC SAFETY / PUBLIC WORKS and
FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEES**

Special Meeting
September 18, 2018

Present:

Mayor Christine Carnrike
Ald. Matthew Caldwell
Ald. Brian Doliver
Ald. John Deierlein
Ald. Linda Kays-Biviano
Ald. David Zieno
Ald. Robert D. Jeffrey

Also:

Director of Finance/City Clerk Dee DuFour
DPW Superintendent Edward Pepe
Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
Fire Chief Jan Papelino
Police Chief Rodney Marsh
City Attorney Steve Natoli
Derrick Wilcox, Delaware Engineering
Deputy City Clerk Agnes Eaton

Absent

Supervisor James McNeil
Supervisor Robert M. Jeffrey

Media Representative: Grady Thompson

Ald. Caldwell called the special joint meeting of the Public Works/Public Safety and Finance/Personnel Committees to order at 6:31 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

2019 Budget Presentation

Fire Department – J. Papelino presented the 2019 Fire Department Budget. Changes in the budget include increases in Equipment for additional turnout gear, Ambulance Equipment for the cost of the heart monitors, and the addition of a new line item for Fire Prevention for a total Line Item increase of almost \$60K. Papelino left the Appropriation to Volunteer Companies the same until agreements with the other municipalities are settled. He reviewed the Personal Services lines with the Committee which shows an \$86K increase for 2019.

Code Enforcement – J. Papelino presented the 2019 Code Enforcement Budget. Changes in the budget include decreases in Personal Services and equipment with an overall decrease of \$28K over 2018. The Personal Services reflects the departure of Jason Lawrence and the addition of a full time Ordinance Inspector. J. Papelino said there has been discussion of reducing the hours of the Ordinance Inspector to 32 hours which would result in a permanent part-time position as was done in the past. Ald. Doliver asked about the vehicle for Codes. J. Papelino reported that the van is not in good condition and the car used is the one previously used by Carl Ivarson. Ald. Jeffrey asked if Revenues could be included in the budget and Papelino said he would add them in.

Ald. Zieno stated that the Fire Budget represents a 4%-5% tax increase and stated we need to take another look at that. Ald. Jeffrey suggested that the increase in revenues may offset that.

Ald. Jeffrey asked what the status was regarding contracts with the Towns (for Fire Service). J. Papelino reported the Town of North Norwich was agreeable to a rate increase equal to the tax cap which is 2%. He is aware that the Town of Norwich had asked for a rate decrease, but he has not had any discussions to date.

Adjournment

Ald. Kays-Biviano **moved** to adjourn the Joint Committee Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Zieno, approved ayes all