

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
2012 Budget Minutes
Thursday, December 15, 2010

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen Barrett, Notte, Larson, Tilden, Sargeant, Coleman, DePoy, and Davis, City Attorney Costello and City Clerk Heck. Alderman Dress was absent.

President Allaire called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

President Allaire stated that if there were no objections, that he would start at one end of the room and move to other.

Alderman Davis started with:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Alderman Davis stated the RRA's increase in funding and their plan to move to City Hall. She so moved their budget for \$180,000 the motion was seconded by Alderman Barrett. After brief debate from Alderman Tilden the **Motion Passed**

Alderman Davis then reported out Finance Committee for Alderman Dress, who was absent.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer's Budget-

Alderman Davis reported that the Treasurer's budget was down from last year over \$17,000, and she moved to approve the 2012 budget of \$608,845. The motion was seconded (Barrett) and the **Motion Passed**. (A motion to reconsider was made and seconded (Davis,Tilden) **Motion Passed**. As with other departments there was a reduction in health care, and the Board had not made the adjustment to the Treasurer's Budget. The new proposed budget with the health care reduction was \$599,583. This new amount was Passed.

Employer Pension Contribution-

Alderman Davis reported that there was an increase of \$45,000, which was necessary to help get the employer contribution back to a level that was needed. And she so moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$600,000. The motion was seconded (Barrett) and the **Motion Passed**.

Transfer-Out Equipment Fund-

Alderman Davis made a motion to approve the equipment fund budget of \$160,000 with the Police receiving \$57,000 \$40,000 to Fire, \$38,000 to Recreation, and \$25,000 to DPW. Motion was seconded by (Tilden). **Motion Passed**.

LIBRARY BUDGET:

Alderman DePoy deferred to Alderman Robinson who chaired the Recreation Committee as Alderman DePoy was unable to make his meeting. Alderman Robinson reported that the library's budget was the same as last year and he moved for the approval of their budget of \$627,285. The motion was seconded (Notte). **Motion passed**.

RECREATION BUDGET:

Alderman Robinson continued with the Recreation Committee report.

Dana Rec.-

Alderman Robinson stated a motion to approve the Dana Rec. Budget of \$537,272. Motion was seconded (Tilden). After a brief discussion, the budget was adjusted to show the new health care cost. Alderman Robinson made a motion to amend his motion to reflect this new budget amount of \$524,500, motion was seconded (Davis). **Motion passed.**

Giorgetti Facility-

A motion to approve the budget of \$182,123 with the elimination of the State taxes line of \$1,723 was made and seconded (Robinson, Barrett). **Motion passed.**

Godnick Center-

A motion to approve the budget at \$14,945 was made and seconded (Robinson, Tilden). **Motion passed.**

Whites Playground-

A motion to approve the Whites budget of \$81,145 was moved and seconded (Robinson, Barrett). **Motion Passed.**

Repairs and Maintenance-

A motion to approve the Recreation repairs and maintenance budget of \$577,895 was made and seconded (Robinson, Barrett). After a brief discussion, the budget was adjusted to show the new health care cost. Alderman Robinson made a motion to amend the budget total to show \$576,776 motion was seconded (Davis). **Motion passed.**

Programs-

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Barrett) to approve the budget of \$459,081. **Motion Passed.**

Alderman Robinson with a second from Alderman Davis made a motion to refer a trash issue associated with Recreation to DPW. **Motion Passed.**

Alderman Robinson also referred the issue (Finance Committee) of carving out programs from the General Fund and replacing it with an Enterprise Fund per Supervisor Bishops request. Motion was seconded (Sargeant). **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Robinson read his committee report.

Rutland City Police Budget –

A motion to approve the Rutland City Police Budget of \$4,513,685 was made and seconded (Robinson, Tilden) There was minimal debate. **Motion passed.**

Traffic Budget-

A motion to approve the Traffic Budget for \$92,000 was made and seconded (Robinson, Tilden). **Motion passed.**

Parking Meter Fund –

A motion to approve the Parking Meter Fund of \$202,283 was made and seconded (Robinson, Notte). **Motion passed.**

Transfer Out-

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) to approve the transfer out for \$15,000. **Motion Passed.**

President Allaire asked the Board to discuss the fire contract in executive session as general or public knowledge would place the City at a substantial disadvantage.

At 6:35 PM a motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) to move into executive session. **Motion Passed.**

At 7:15 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robinson) to come out of executive session. **Motion Passed.**

Rutland City Fire Department Contract – President Allaire asked for a motion to approve the Rutland City Fire Department Union contract as negotiated by the City and the IAFF on December 10, 2010. The request was moved and seconded (Robinson, Tilden). **Motion Passed.**

Rutland City Fire Department Budget-

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Tilden) to approve the budget of \$3,131,471. Alderman Robinson amended his motion to show the reduction in health care cost reducing the budget to \$3,071,070, seconder agreed with the amendment. **Motion passed.**

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

Alderman Robinson continued his report from his next committee, General Committee

Clerk Budget – Alderman Robinson reviewed the committees report stating cuts that were suggested and moved to approve the Clerk's budget at \$334,487. Motion was seconded by Alderman Barrett. Debate. There was a fair amount of debate centered on the proposed cuts. With the health care cost reduction the amended budget was \$326,588. **Motion Failed.** A new motion was made and seconded to at first increase the lines to temp help and postage. Alderman DePoy clarified the motion. Alderman Davis stated that she wanted to reduce the Temp Employee from \$2,500 to \$1,500 and the Postage line was to remain \$3,000 that had been cut. There was still some confusion from the Board, so Alderman Davis restated her motion. She said the Temp line would be reduced by \$1,000 the Health insurance line would be \$74,291 the Postage line would remain the same \$3,000, Office supplies would decrease from \$7,000 to \$6,000 and the State fee line would be reduced from \$300 to 0. Alderman Larson seconded. The final budget was \$329,088. **Motion Passed.**

Elections Budget-

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) to approve the Elections Budget of \$14,114. **Motion passed.**

Legislative Budget-

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) to approve the Legislative Budget of \$24,623. **Motion passed.**

Assessor Budget –

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Notte) to approve the Assessor Budget of \$159,013. Alderman Robinson amended his motion to reflect the reduction in health care cost; his new amount was \$156,618. That motion was seconded by Alderman Tilden. **Motion passed.**

Attorney Budget –

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) to approve the Attorney Budget of \$167,723. Again Alderman Robinson amended his motion to reflect the lower health care cost. The new total was \$164,792, that motion was seconded by Alderman Barrett. **Motion passed.**

CAIR Committee -

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) to approve the CAIR Budget of \$2,000. **Motion Passed.**

Building & Zoning Budget –

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Tilden) to approve the Building and Zoning Budget of \$245,093 with proposed cuts. Alderman Robinson made a motion to amend his motion to reflect the reduction in health care cost. The motion was seconded (Tilden) the new amount was \$242,698 **Motion passed.**

Executive Budget –

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Notte) to approve the Executive Budget of \$103,963. Alderman Robinson made a motion to amend his motion to reflect the reduction in health care cost to \$102,235. **Motion passed.**

Government Buildings Budget –

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Notte) to approve the Government Buildings Budget of \$624,319. **Motion passed**

Miscellaneous Budget -

Alderman Robinson stated that coming out of committee they had voted to reduce the Contingency line from \$200,000 to \$100,000 making the budget \$283,018 and he so moved. The motion was seconded (Coleman). There was a fair amount of debate with several Aldermen speaking in favor of not reducing the contingency line. The motion to pass the Budget of \$283,018 **Failed.**

A new motion was made and seconded (Notte, Davis) to restore the Contingency line to \$200,000, with the total budget of \$383,018. **Motion Passed.**

At 7:50 PM President Allaire asked for a 5 minute recess.

At 7:57 PM the Board reconvened.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Alderman Notte gave his committee report.

DPW Administration Budget –

Alderman Notte stated that his committee cut the original budget from \$634,076 to 632,076 and he so moved. The motion was seconded by Alderman Larson. The motion was amended to include the reduction in health care to \$620, 771. **Motion Passed.**

DPW Streets Budget –

The streets budget was cut from \$1,729,937 to \$1,379,270, with \$350,000 for paving being placed on the City ballot as a separate item, and he so moved. Alderman Barrett seconded for debate. There was a fair amount of debate as to the separate paving question. A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Barrett) to split the question into two votes. **Motion Passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) to cut \$350,000 from the paving line. **Motion Passed.** A motion to approve the remaining DPW Streets budget with health care reductions in the amount of \$1,359,747 was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis). **Motion Passed.**

DPW Winter Maintenance –

A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Tilden) to approve the Winter Maintenance budget of \$559,354. **Motion Passed.**

DPW Street Lights Budget –

A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Tilden) to approve the Street Lights budget of \$275,000. **Motion Passed.**

DPW Vehicle Maintenance Budget –

A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Tilden) to approve the Winter Maintenance budget of \$479,253. **Motion Passed.**

DPW Catch Basins Budget - A motion to approve the DPW Catch Basins Budget of \$25,075 was made and seconded (Notte, Tilden). **Motion Passed.**

City Clerk Heck asked the President about the \$350,000 paving question not being placed on the ballot. Alderman Davis moved to have the \$350,000 paving question be placed on the March ballot as a separate question; motion was seconded by Alderman Robinson. **Motion Passed.**

The Treasurer presented the Board with a total budget of \$17,044,898. With paving the budget is \$17,394,898 for a savings of \$139,870 from the original budget presented by Mayor Louras.

President Allaire presented the issue of Charter Changes presented by the Mayor. The Board discussed the issue with a motion to suspend the rules by Alderman Davis, and seconded by Alderman Coleman. **Motion Passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Coleman) to place on the March ballot the proposed Charter Changes with language dictated by the Mayor. **Motion Passed. (See attached document)**

At 8:28 PM a motion to adjourn was made and seconded (Davis, Robinson). **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck

Rutland City Clerk