

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY JULY 5, 2023
SCHIEFFELIN HALL
(CORNER OF FREMONT AND FOURTH STREET)**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Dustin Escapule called the Public Hearing to order on Wednesday July 5, 2023.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Dustin Escapule led the Common Council and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL**
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| Councilmember Colin Regan | Absent |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Barlow | Present |
| Councilmember Matt Faulk | Absent |
| Councilmember Jim Newbauer | Present |
| Mayor Dustin Escapule | Present |
- Also, in attendance: Charissa Martinez Presti Interim City Clerk

A QUORUM WAS DELCARED

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Escapule calls for public participants. No one responded.

There being no public participants, Mayor Escapule moves forward on the agenda.

B. PUBLIC HEARING: The adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Final Budget

MOTION by Councilmember Barlow, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer, to discuss the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Final Budget.

DISCUSSION:

Ruben Villa: Good evening, mayor and council, and member of the public. For the record this is opportunity for the public to address the council on the adoption of the final budget. The council has had three work sessions and during that process and tonight's adoption does include several changes that I will point out and a quick overview of property taxes.

The fire department has requested some changes, (see page 15 of final budget). Those changes include changing the stipend from \$60 plus \$20 a call out to \$100 per shift all inclusive. To accommodate for that the original draft had three staff members plus a full-time position. This has two per diem positions at the new rate plus a full-time position. To further accommodate that change other line items changed. This still does not address the potential overtime cost per FLSA at 48/96 per shift. This change does not affect the overall budget.

We created a new fund, Fund 54, for Marshal's Department Overtime Grant. The marshal requested for that line item for potential reimbursement for two different types of reimbursements from DEA and Homeland Security. We put \$50k in reimbursements for overtime, of course if they don't come in, we can't spend it. To be able to keep the balance we made an adjustment to the FEMA Grant. On page 52 is where you will see where we added one line item.

The final budget is \$17,827,840. That is the same number we saw last time.

On page 80, I provided a 10-year tax levy analysis. It shows that the council has not voted to go above the minimum required amount. The council has a prerogative to vote for up to the maximum.

Individual property tax bills might be higher this year, but that will not be due to city taxes. The primary and secondary rates are actually lower than the prior year. The increase will be a result of other tax increases and property value increases.

Primary property taxes are a part of the general revenue and is used for a variety of purposes. This year \$131,323 is estimated to be brought in. Secondary property taxes is to pay off the bond. That is \$107,510 to go directly to pay off the bond and will be paid off by the end of next fiscal year.

Mayor Escapule: I just want to clarify that the secondary taxes, is to pay off the \$1M bond that was voted on ten years ago.

C. MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION by Councilmember Newbauer, **SECOND** by Councilmember Barlow, to adjourn public hearing.

VOTE: 3/2/0

MOTION: Carried

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Approval of Resolution No. 07-2023; A resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Tombstone, Cochise County, State of Arizona, determining and adopting estimates for the amounts required for the public expense for the City of Tombstone, Arizona; adopting a budget; setting forth the receipts and expenditures; the amounts proposed to be raised by direct property taxation for the various purposes for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

MOTION by Councilmember Barlow, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer to approve Resolution No. 07-2023; A resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Tombstone, Cochise County, State of Arizona, determining and adopting estimates for the amounts required for the public expense for the City of Tombstone, Arizona; adopting a budget; setting forth the receipts and expenditures; the amounts proposed to be raised by direct property taxation for the various purposes for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Regan	Absent
	Councilmember Barlow	Yes
	Councilmember Faulk	Absent
	Councilmember Newbauer	Yes
	Mayor Escapule	Yes

VOTE: 3/2/0

MOTION: Carried

B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Approval of Resolution No. 08-2023; A resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Tombstone, Cochise County, State of Arizona, to authorize for the City's fiscal year 2023-2024 the primary tax rate of .8933 for every \$100 of assessed value.

MOTION by Councilmember Newbauer, **SECOND** by Councilmember Barlow to approve Resolution No. 08-2023; A resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Tombstone, Cochise County, State of Arizona, to authorize for the City's fiscal year 2023-2024 the primary tax rate of .8933 for every \$100 of assessed value.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Regan	Absent
	Councilmember Barlow	Yes
	Councilmember Faulk	Absent

Councilmember Newbauer Yes
Mayor Escapule Yes

VOTE: 3/2/0
MOTION: Carried

C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Approval of Resolution No. 09-2023; A resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Tombstone, Cochise County, State of Arizona, levying the amount to be raised by Secondary property tax levy and the rate upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed valuation of property subject to taxation within the City of Tombstone for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

MOTION by Councilmember Barlow, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer to approve Resolution No. 09-2023; A resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Tombstone, Cochise County, State of Arizona, levying the amount to be raised by Secondary property tax levy and the rate upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed valuation of property subject to taxation within the City of Tombstone for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

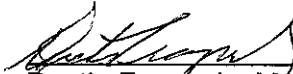
Councilmember Regan	Absent
Councilmember Barlow	Yes
Councilmember Faulk	Absent
Councilmember Newbauer	Yes
Mayor Escapule	Yes

VOTE: 3/2/0
MOTION: Carried

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION by Councilmember Newbauer, **SECOND** by Councilmember Barlow, to adjourn.

The Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, July 5, 2023 thereby adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



Dustin Escapule, Mayor



Charissa Presti, Interim, Deputy City Clerk