

**CITY OF HAM LAKE
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**

The Ham Lake City Council met for a budget workshop meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brian Kirkham and Councilmembers Jim Doyle, Gary Kirkeide, Al Parranto and Jesse Wilken

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Finance Director, Andrea Murff; City Administrator, Denise Webster; Fire Chief, Mike Raczkowski; City Engineer, Tom Collins; Public Works Superintendent, John Witkowski; and Deputy City Clerk, Dawnette Shimek

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Kirkham called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 Discussion of the Proposed 2024 Budget and CIP Review

Finance Director Murff proposed an 11.49 percent increase to the 2024 budget for planned transfers from the Capital Improvement Plan, Fire Station #3 staffing and utilities, and Public Works new supervisor and an additional maintenance worker. Mayor Kirkham stated he would like to see the budget down to a 3 to 4 percent levy increase by cutting the Public Works Equipment transfer by \$150,000. Finance Director Murff explained the reason for the additional Public Works Maintenance Worker and it was decided that the position would be removed from the budget. Finance Director Murff asked about the Revolving Street Fund and if that transfer could be reduced as well. It was decided that this could be reduced due to a new five-year plan for street reconstruction and overlays. Mayor Kirkham stated that he would like to go back to only increasing the budget 3 to 4 percent or at the same rate as which the tax capacity was growing going forward.

Motion by Kirkeide, seconded by Doyle, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Andrea Murff, Finance Director