

**CITY OF HAM LAKE
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023**

The Ham Lake City Council met for a budget workshop meeting on Monday, August 7, 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 Law Enforcement Contract with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office

Mayor Kirkham stated that the Anoka County Sheriff's Office is ranked 57 out of 57 for wages, so it was negotiated to have their pay increased, which is why the budget for the contract has increased a significant amount. There was discussion regarding the need for a full-time investigator and Administrator Webster was directed to have Lt. Schuldt give an update at the next Law Enforcement meeting on how the investigator position has been going. Mayor Kirkham stated that he spoke with Anoka County and the Sheriff's Contract cannot be levied separately, and needs to come through the General Fund. *(The 2024 Law Enforcement Contract will be added to the August 21, 2023 City Council agenda for approval).*

3.0 Discussion of the proposed 2024 Budget and CIP Review

After discussion of cutting budgeted transfers and the promotion in Public Works, it was the consensus of the City Council to use budget option B's expenditures adding back payroll expenditures for a Public Work's Supervisor promotion with a 7 percent levy increase in tax revenues and the use of General Fund Reserves to the budget deficit.

4.0 Discussion of a 3% increase for RFC Engineering

It was the consensus of the City Council to approve the 3% increase for RFC Engineering.

Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Kirkeide, to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Andrea Murff, Finance Director