

**City of Elmore Council
Special Meeting Minutes
September 27th, 2023, 4:00 pm
Library Community Room**

Mayor Clara Vereide called the special meeting of the Elmore City Council to order at 4:00 pm. Council present was Lorman Jahnke, Sue Dickson and Elton Rhoda. Jennifer Williams was absent. Also present was Marlys Jagerson, and Vicki Boeckman.

Pledge of Allegiance.

POLICE:

A contract quote has been requested from Faribault County Sheriff's Department as we have not received any applicants for the open police positions. A committee to speak with them about options was formed from volunteers, Jahnke, Vereide and Clerk, Emmers. Emmers is to set up a meeting with Deputy Scott Adams and Sheriff Michael Gormely.

2024 BUDGET AND LEVY PROPOSAL:

Past and present levy options were provided. The levy amount can be lowered in December at the final budget meeting but it cannot go higher. Better to estimate higher in case something large happens.

PAST LEVYS

2019 Levy:	\$367,075.00	3.50%
2020 Levy:	\$379,923.00	2.50%
2021 Levy:	\$389,421.08	2.50%
2022 Levy:	\$389,421.00	0.00%
2023 Levy:	\$403,051.00	3.50%

The preliminary budget was provided with discussion by the council. Known expenses for 2024 are new membranes for the Water Treatment Plant, \$15,000.00, fire gear for new members, \$12,000.00, new water meter software/equipment, \$8,000.00, and more street patching, \$45,000.00.

A motion was made by Jahnke to set the proposed 2024 Levy at 4.5%, \$421,188.30, this was seconded by Dickson, all present voted aye, motion carried.

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SURPLUS PROPERTIES: Further investigation into selling houses needed.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED: It was suggested we purchase surveillance cameras for the town with unused police budget. Check on adding the street light on Mondale Street. Contact Laurie Balata with USDA about funding for Highway 169 project. Are there any grants available to improve the Museum building. Replacing lights that the library.

As there was no further business, it was moved by Jahnke, seconded by Dickson to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK