

CITY OF LA CROSSE



2016 Operating Budget
Overview Presented by
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Budget Parameter Committee Direction (6/10/15)

Direct the Mayor to work with Department Heads to arrive at a budget that addresses the estimated \$1,691,693.00 shortfall for 2016 by:

1. Utilize the estimated 1.32% increase in “Net New Construction” (allows the 2016 budget net levy over the 2015 budget net levy to go up by approximately \$352,000.00).
2. Utilize the % increase allowed for TID 4 closure.
3. Compile a 2016 Operating Budget that has no increase in the mill rate for city purposes.
4. Understanding that the budget is a moving target and numbers will change as additional information is received and additional action is taken.

The Mayor's Plan

(Working With Departments in the Following Areas)

- Expenditures: (Non Salary & Benefits)
 - Assessor \$ (2,000)
 - Attorney (8,000)
 - Clerk (3,000)
 - Finance (1,000)
 - Fire (20,000)
 - Employee Benefits (13,756)
 - Insurance (15,000)
 - Library (135,000)
 - Information Services (2,500)
 - Municipal Court (1,000)

The Mayor's Plan Continued

(Working With Departments in the Following Areas)

- Expenditures: (Non Salary & Benefits)
 - Parks & Recreation (10,000)
 - Human Resources (2,000)
 - Police (65,000)
 - Engineering (2,500)
 - Grounds & Building (8,000)
 - Highway (67,500)
 - Refuse & Recycling (50,000)
 - Buildings & Inspection (Fire-Code Enfrcmnt) (12,500)

The Mayor's Plan Continued

(Working With Departments in the Following Areas)

- Table of Organization Changes
 - Planning & Development (51,171)
 - Public Works 28,986
 - Grounds & Building 67,802
- Benefit Changes
 - No increase to health insurance (315,000)
- Revenue
 - Fire 5,000
 - General Revenues (Mcpl Court Fines) 100,000

The Mayor's Plan Continued

(Working With Departments in the Following Areas)

– Licenses	40,000
– Funding for Neighborhood Resource Officer	75,000
– Highway	5,000
– Building Permit Fees	100,000
– Room Tax	436,000
– Intergovernmental Revenue (Transportation Aids, Recycling Grant, Exempt Computer Aids)	(46,399)
Total Levy Reduction	\$1,402,740

The Results

- Addresses the Budget Parameter Committee's directives.
- Addresses the \$1,691,693 estimated 2016 Operating Budget Shortfall.
- Meets the State levy limit requirement. (Currently under by approximately \$145,540).
- Qualifies for the State Expenditure Restraint Program. (Currently under by approximately \$604,902).
- NO layoffs
- Addresses anticipated increases in operating expenses.
- Reviews and updates existing revenue sources.
- Reviews and updates non salary and benefit expenses to more correctly reflect actual expenses.
- Provides for Police department reorganization, additional NRO, and 12 hour shift.
- Provides for possible Fire department reorganization.

The Results Continued

- Provides for Across the Board increases.
- Provides funding for continued implementation of the pay & class study results.
- Consideration given to expenditures related to programs, service levels, and facilities.
- Estimates increase in State Transportation Aid, reduction in State Recycling Grant, and reduction to Exempt Computer Aid.
- Consideration for change in Room Tax funding.
- Creates Parking Utility Coordinator and reorganizes Parking Utility Grounds (not on levy) and Public Works (on levy) and Grounds & Building Departments (on levy).
- Provides for no increase to health insurance (confirmed by consultant).
- Returns to general fund carry over funds not committed to a project through fiscal year 2013.

Considerations / Adjustments to be Made *

Expenses:

Revenues:

- Debt Service (+/-) Final TID Adj Based on final levies
(TO DO AT NOVEMBER FINAL HEARING) ?????
- State Revenues * ?????

* Subject to change as information becomes available i.e. State revenues.

Standard & Poor's Comments (04/01/15) - S&P Rates La Crosse "AA+/Stable"

- "Very strong management, demonstrated by strong financial policies"
- "We expect that the City of La Crosse will be able to maintain its very strong general fund reserves"
- "Strong budgetary performance as demonstrated by balanced results"
- "Very strong budgetary flexibility with 2013 reserves at 40% of general fund expenditures"

QUESTIONS?