

## Mission of the City of Courtland

**We envision Courtland as a city with managed growth which offers a high quality of life for individuals, families and businesses at an affordable cost.**

City Council Minutes  
Work Session Meeting  
September 19, 2023

Members Present: Mayor Al Poehler  
Council Member Pam Rodewald  
Council Member Justin Kraus  
Council Member Ralph Bents

Members Absent: Council Member Paul Bode

Others Present: Julie Holm, City Clerk

The special city council work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Poehler at 6:30pm on September 19, 2023 in the Council chambers at City Hall.

Councilmember Bents provided worksheets for everyone. Council discussion begins with discussion of public safety department and fire chief and assistant chief salaries. Council agrees to increase these salaries to \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively. Discussion also for anticipated contribution to rural budget, they are still working on creating joint powers agreement and the amount of contribution should not change much. There is still discussion on values contributed by each to be worked out.

Discussion on public works and roads, agreement to use previously budgeted dollars into streets and roads fund to start building capital funding as several roads will need to be done in the near future. Other discussion are wages for part time employee as Jessie continually puts in 20 hours per week. Additional discussion regarding amount of gas charged at Courtland Mart and gas and fuel at Luepke Oil as the only gas machine city has is the lawn mower.

General government discussion is to increase mayor salary to \$2,400 per year and council to \$1800 per year. These will become effective after next election.

Discussion regarding revenues, Clerk Holm presents numbers for interest being earned in 4M Fund and the CD's that will come due next month. These funds will be put back into CD's again and will earn at least 5% generating approximately same revenue as this year for general government as funds are also for enterprise fund. Liquid portion of 4M Fund is earning 5.25% currently but that will fluxgate with market and is not guaranteed for the coming year.

Preliminary budget and levy was reached. Preliminary levy is set at \$249,591.00 resulting in 8.2% increase.

**Bents made a motion to approve Resolution 23-108 A Resolution Approving Preliminary 2023 Tax Levy Collectible in 2023. Rodewald seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.**

**Rodewald made a motion to adjourn. Kraus seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.**

The meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

A signed written copy of the minutes is on file in the office of the city clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Holm, City Clerk

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Al Poehler, Mayor

**Resolution # 23-108**

**A Resolution Approving Preliminary 2024 Tax Levy  
Collectible in 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Courtland, County of Nicollet, Minnesota, that the following sums of monies be levied for the current year, collectible in 2024, upon the taxable property in the City of Courtland, for the following purpose:

**TOTAL LEVY \$ 249,591**

The city clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the county auditor of Nicollet County, Minnesota.

**Adopted by the City Council of Courtland, Minnesota on September 19, 2023**

Signed:

  
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Al Poehler, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Julie Holm, City Clerk/Treasurer

