

**CITY OF SHREWSBURY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN:
BUDGET WORKSHOP
August 17, 2021**

An Open Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 6:00 p.m. on August 17, 2021 in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom teleconference for the transaction of such business that came before the Board.

Present:	Mayor	Mike Travaglini
	Alderman	Greg Lauter
	Alderman	Keith Peters
	Alderman	John Odenwald
	Aldersperson	Elisa Reeves
	Alderman	Michael Schmelzle
	Aldersperson	Bette Welch

Also Present:	City Administrator	Jonathan Greever
	Fire Chief	Chris Amenn
	Chief of Police	Lisa Vargas
	Director of Parks & Recreation	Chris Buck
	Finance Director	Danielle Oettle
	Public Works Superintendent	Tony Wagner
	Asst. City Admin. & City Clerk	Elliot Brown

Roll Call

Board President Lauter called the meeting to order, and City Clerk Brown commenced with the roll call. A quorum was present for the transaction of City business.

Budget Workshop

Mayor Travaglini opened the discussion with an overview of the topic and focus of the meeting. Director Oettle reviewed the priority budgeting program concept and asked the Aldermen and Department Heads to provide their lists of budget areas they think should be prioritized in the upcoming fiscal year. Chief Amenn opened the discussion by pointing out the natural growing pains of the process, such as the overlapping duties of personnel in each department. As an example, Fire Department Staff provide services related to fire suppression as well as training and education. He is worried that priority budgeting is typically effective in cities with large numbers of employees. Alderman Odenwald suggested focusing the discussion away from personnel to a program evaluation approach. Director Oettle responded that she would like the FY2022 budget process to be community driven. She will do this by seeking community feedback on which City functions and services they prioritize.

There followed a discussion regarding options for increasing revenue going forward: Another ballot initiative to pass a use tax, advertising the Parks amenities available for rent and possibly raising the fees, actively pursuing businesses to attract them to vacant spaces throughout the City, reassessing the zoning of certain areas of the City to encourage development, raising building permit fees to be more consistent with those in neighboring communities, and possibly moving Fire Department services to a district.

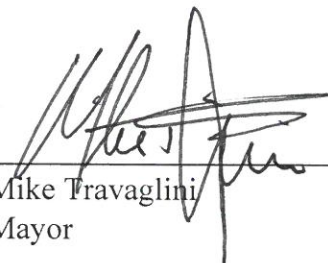
Other priorities mentioned were encouraging residents with families to build on to their homes rather than purchasing larger ones in other communities, making sustainable infrastructure improvements, providing a safe and healthy community, and empowering an involved and diverse citizenry.

Moving forward, Director Oettle will develop a 10-year narrative of capital purchases and develop a projection of those that may be necessary in the coming years. The Department Heads will meet with the Mayor, Finance Director, and City Administrator one-on-one on the morning of August 27 to discuss their draft program breakdown sheets. They will then meet on August 30 to discuss the final program list to be submitted to the Board for review prior to the September 7 meeting. Concurrently, Director Oettle is developing survey questions for the public and will seek Department Head and Board input during the week of August 23 to be launched in the first days of September.

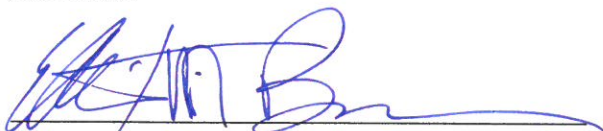
Adjournment

Alderman Lauter moved to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Peters seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17p.m.


Mike Travaglini
Mayor

ATTEST:



Elliot Brown
Assistant City Administrator & City Clerk

