

RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 4

Approval of FY23 Maximum Property Tax Dollars

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clarence, Iowa, have considered the proposed FY23 city maximum property tax dollars for the affected levy total, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed city maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on city web site and social media accounts,

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed city maximum property tax dollars was held on February 14, 2022,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Clarence, Iowa, that the maximum property tax dollars for the affected tax levies for FY23 shall not exceed the following total:

Total maximum levy for affected property tax levies - \$274,524

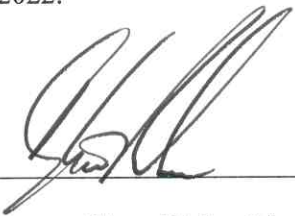
The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in the total maximum levy for affected property tax levies for FY23 represents greater than 102% of the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for the current FY22.

Roll Call Vote:

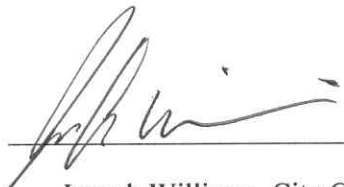
- Bart Miller YEA NAY
- Rod Dennis YEA NAY
- Bob Kunkel YEA NAY
- Trent Siver YEA NAY

One Seat Vacant

Passed approved and adopted this 14th day of February, 2022.



Steve Bixler, Mayor

Attest: 

Joseph Williams, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF CLARENCE - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

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At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

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	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2021 - 2022	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2022 - 2023	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2022 - 2023	Annual % CHG
Regular Taxable Valuation	32,418,258	31,564,693	31,564,693	
Tax Levies:				
Regular General	262,588	262,588	255,674	
Contract for Use of Bridge			0	
Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit			0	
Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr.			0	
Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center			0	
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project			0	
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs			0	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission			0	
Emergency			0	
Police & Fire Retirement			0	
FICA & IPERS			0	
Other Employee Benefits			18,850	
Total Tax Levy	262,588	262,588	274,524	4.54
Tax Rate	8.10000	8.31904	8.69719	

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:

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*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy.

**Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming budget year

Area

LEGALS

FROM P6

Moved by Bell seconded by Kaufmann to leave funding same for Lower Cedar Watershed, which would set their FY22/23 at \$2,000.

Ayes: All
Moved by Smith seconded by Bell to leave funding same for Home Base Iowa, which would set their FY22/23 at \$7,500.

Ayes: All
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bell to leave funding same for Veterans Grave, which would set their FY22/23 at \$4,600.

Ayes: All
Moved by Bell seconded by Smith to approve following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED This 18th day of Jan. 2022 that following transfer are to be made in accordance with Section 331.432 of Code of Iowa.

From General Basic (01000) to American Rescue Plan Fund (01001) - \$1,809,038
Auditor is hereby directed to correct her books accordingly and to notify Treasurer of this transfer.

Ayes: All
Discussion held on projects approved by Board and several projects that need to be considered for approval. Auditor Dauber will provide a spreadsheet with projects and amount requested for funding next week for approval.

Discussion held on 5% recommendation from Compensation Board regarding Board of Supervisors salary.

Moved by Smith to approve 5% increase in salary for Board of Supervisors. This motion died due to lack of a second. General discussion held on 4% cost of living.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Bell to reduce recommendation by 20% (=4%) for Board of Supervisors. Kaufmann stated board is trying to follow recommendation of Compensation Board representatives.

Ayes: All
Kaufmann mentioned to Board issue on voting members on EMS Executive Board. Since Clarence Ambulance serves Clarence and Lowden two agencies only get one vote. Therefore, representatives from Clarence and Lowden will have to decide amongst themselves who is voting member. Board asked Auditor Dauber to email committee this information.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bell to adjourn at 12:01 p.m., to Jan. 25, 2022.

Ayes: All

Steve Agne, Chairperson
Cari A. Dauber, Auditor
SN 5

City of Clarence council proceeding

Monday January 24, 2022, 6:15pm.
Mayor Steve Bixler called the special council meeting and budget work session to order in council chambers.

Councilpersons present were Bart Miller, Fred Dennis, Bob Kunkel, and Trent Siver. Jim Barber resigned earlier in the day, so there was a vacancy.

Council approved the agenda. M/S Dennis, Kunkel. Ayes all.

Council decided to give full-time employees hourly based pay increases: Brittany Rogers \$3, Mary Scheel \$1, Joseph Williams \$1.50, Steve Ihms \$2, to be effective July 1. Council decided to not add dependents/spouses to city provided health coverage.

Discussions were had regarding EMS, Police, Library, and Fire proposed budgets. City Clerk Joseph Williams lead Council through all revenue and expense accounts for FY23, adjusting as Council discussed. Council decided to again transfer \$30,000 from the Water fund to the Debt Service fund for the GO bond payment. Water, Sewer, Garbage, and Recycling rates will increase for FY23, amounts to be determined later. Council decided to budget additional funds for road reconstruction and repairs with the hopes of acquiring a grant to offset, reduce Clarence Main Street contribution to \$5,000, maintain \$75,000 for sewer department new equipment and maintain

North Cedar school board

Minutes - January 17, 2022

The North Cedar Community School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, January 17, 2022 with the following members present: Horman, Lehrman, Sandberg and Wiggins. Absent: Koth. Others: Superintendent Dohmen, Secretary Protem Stillwagon. Visitors: Sue Hall. President Horman called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

General Business of the Board

Consent Items

Agenda

Minutes - December 20, 2021 Annual and Organizational meeting.

Claims - General Fund \$305,622.62; Management Fund \$36,666.65; PPEL Fund \$4,235.00; Health Insurance Fund \$100,362.68; Daycare Fund \$4,221.29; Food Service Fund \$19,931.25; Activity Fund \$2,456.42; Activity Official \$4,103.00.

Personnel Resignations: Mary Bendixen as 7-12 Principal; Patti Lehrman as Daycare Associate; Sharron Loomis as Para-professional and JH Volleyball Coach.

Personnel: Heather Sharp-Steele-Food Service-Cook (11.50 per hour); Esther Uhlenhopp-9-12 Spanish Teacher (MA Step 16/\$56,916 per year) for the 2022-23 school year.

Appointments: Lisa Esbaum resignation from NC Foundation with Annette Behrens appointment to NC Foundation.

Open Enrollments:

Wiggins moved, Lehrman seconded, to approve the consent items. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Consideration of 2022-23 Kirkwood (Jones Regional Center) Program of Study Changes

Sandberg moved, Wiggins seconded, to approve the Program of Study changes for the 2022-23 school year from Kirkwood Community College (Jones Regional Center). Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Consideration of Services and Materials for Jr./Sr. High HVAC Project (ESSER III)

Lehrman moved, Sandberg seconded, to approve Advanced Environmental Testing and Abatement, Inc. for material and labor for the removal of all pipe wrap and mudded joints for the HVAC project at an estimated cost of \$39,410.00 pending approval of other HVAC project bids. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Discussion of the District Calendar for 2022-23

Calendars will be shared with staff. Will bring back for board approval in February. Discussion of Support Staff Salary and Benefits

Superintendent Dohmen recommends getting closer to the mean. Chart out 3%, 4% and 5% increases for comparison.

Discussion of Employment Incentives for Certified Teachers, Classified Staff, and Substitutes.

Various ideas being considered as incentives and rewards. Discussion will continue.

Discussion of Contracting Technology Hours with the Olin CSD

The North Cedar Technology Director could be contracted some hours to Olin. Looking at 4 hours per week for the rest of the school year. Olin will be discussing this next week.

Adjournment

Wiggins moved, Sandberg seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 7:20 pm.

Approved:
Aaron Horman, President
Respectfully submitted
Kelly Stillwagon, Secretary Pro-tem

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Residents of Cedar County are hereby notified that there is a vacancy in the office of Cedar County Attorney effective March 11, 2022. The Cedar County Board of Supervisors intends to fill the vacancy by appointment within forty days after the vacancy occurs.

Contracts Signed For \$1,786,000 Cedar County Transfer Station

Sue Hall, Reporter

Transfer station Manager Gary Crock reported at the Solid Waste Commission annual budget setting meeting Jan. 27 that contracts are signed, and materials are either on order or delivered to construction contractor Bill Bruce, Eldridge for the new transfer station facility project. The project is awaiting suitable weather to commence. When work does begin, the plan is for transfer station operations to continue throughout the expected four months of construction. The rural recycling container will need to be moved to a different location, because that site will be roadway during construction.

Solid Waste Commission member Supervisor Jon Bell asked whether there would be any delays in acquiring steel materials. Manager Crock said he has received no information from the builder that he's having delivery problems. With a 10% contingency cost, the project bid is at \$1,786,000.

Solid Waste Commission member West Branch Mayor Roger Laughlin asked whether the increasing costs of metal will cause the builder to seek more money. Crock said the county has a contract for the bid amount, and the building has been ordered.

Current Budget Summary

Midway through the FY22 budget year, the Solid Waste Commission has half its expected revenues from gate fees and member assessments along with salvage income. Revenues

are currently at \$503,378. About half of expenses have been expended at \$316,807. Revenue over expenses is currently at \$186,570, but is more realistically around \$100,000, because the annual \$60,000 loan payment to the county for the wheel loader purchase hasn't come out of expenses yet.

Increases in gate fee revenues due to roofing material volume is offset by increased landfill disposal costs. Crock said after he started requiring proof of county residency, roofing volume did decrease. Material will be accepted from in-county residents but not from out-of-county sources.

Member Assessment Discussion

Mayor Laughlin asked for review of the rural assessment share of sanitary disposal costs. That \$50,000 hasn't changed since 1988. Do new census numbers warrant an adjustment? City members of the Solid Waste Commission are responsible for a total assessment of \$90,000.

Between Auditor Cari Dauber and Supervisor Jon Bell the conclusion reached was that the total \$140,000 assessment for solid waste operations needed to be increased, and the burden should be on a rural assessment increase.

The county's population is 18,505 residents. Of that number 11,099 are city dwellers, and 7,406 are rural. This amounts to a 60%/40% split in population and ought to result in the same percentage funding assessment. If \$90,000 is 60% of cities' obligation, then the remaining 40% rural assessment needs to bump up to \$60,000 to be a fair funding split. This \$10,000 increase from the rural services fund levy was approved by commission members for the FY23 budget. And that increase will specifically be earmarked to go into the budget line item for designated capital replacement for future new

FY23 Budget Review

Manager Gary Crock went through his proposed expenses and revenues for the new budget year. Two employees are going to require retirement payout this coming fiscal year. Compensatory time will be paid out. And his staff is receiving the county's 4% hourly wage rate increase. His salary line items increase by 10.34% because of these factors.

Except for a planned computer replacement and increased engineering service costs for the old landfill, other proposed budget expenses remain largely unchanged from the current budget.

He explained that the 30 year closure permit on the old landfill is 2 1/2 years from ending. The increase in engineering services from the current \$15,500 to \$16,000 proposed for FY23 is due to cap work cover needed for a leachate blow-out at one of the well test sites. Crock expects after the 30 year closure permit ends, there will still be testing of the site required, but much less frequently. This budget expense line item will reduce.

When asked what the landfill site will be used for after closure, Crock said the total site has 32 acres with 17 of them the actual landfill. Due to its wooded rural location, the Conservation Department might receive the site for recreation purposes.

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March 15, 2022, at 8:35 a.m.
The Cedar County Board of Supervisors chose to appoint over a Special Election due to the cost of holding such an election and because the vacancy was created so close to the November 8th General Election. The petition must be filed in the Cedar County Auditor's Office within fourteen days after the publication of this notice or within fourteen days after the appointment is made, whichever is later. The petition would require signatures of at least 1,076 eligible electors of the county.
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\$796,982, an overall 1. increase over the cur FY22 budget expense of \$781,632.

Total budget revenue estimated for sanitary disposal in FY23 total \$807, which is a 1.89% increase over the FY22 anticipated income of \$792,005.

Revenue from city rural assessments \$150,000 (\$90,000 city and \$60,000 rural).

The transfer station expects to receive \$625 in gate fees, projected the same as budgeted FY22.

There is an increase in prices for scrap metal. The same volume expected to be received will generate more revenue. The line item is increasing \$25,000 in FY22 to an estimated \$40,000 in FY23.

FY23 Executive Board

The three-member executive board will remain Jeff Kaufmann representing supervisors and Roger Laughlin, West Branch, Dusty McAtee, Stanw representing city mayor

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