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2024 Budget Hearing Minutes-Fire Department

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm at City Hall.

Chairman Mohorcic administered the pledge of allegiance.

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Fire Department

The Fire Chief discussed his budget overview which included the principal and interest payment of the new fire pumper purchased, a 4.3% increase in payroll, the hiring of five new part-time firefighters, and new windows for the fire station to be paid for by a NOPEC grant. The fire department will also be receiving “new” radios from the police department. The useful life of these are TBD but necessary for fire operations. A major short-term issue is filing software for the department. The current software they use was bought out by another company, which increased the annual subscription significantly. Chief said there is a discount by ordering it with other departments and is exploring options. The filing system is needed as everything is in paper currently and the filing room is out of space. Another short-term need is a new fire prevention car. Long-term needs included Full-time employees and a upgraded/new fire station.