

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
City Council of the City of Bath, Maine
Wednesday, May 27, 2009 6:00 PM
Bath City Hall Auditorium

Councilors Present: Chairman Wyman, Cochrane, Omo, Paulhus, Rogers, Eosco, Sinclair, Pagurko and Winglass

PUBLIC HEARING - City of Bath 2009-2010 Combined Budget

Chairman Wyman called the Hearing to order at 6:00 PM. He welcomed everyone.

Chairman Wyman introduced City Manager William Giroux. Mr. Giroux began his presentation with an overview of the Combined City Budget. He stated the entire combined budget would come in at a 0% tax increase with the proposed tax rate staying at 17.20%. Mr. Giroux explained this was possible due to the Council cutting \$150,000 from the City Budget, RSU #1 cutting \$125, 000 and the County cutting on their side also. He stated that even with the revenues down almost \$250,000 this 0% tax increase was possible. Mr. Giroux explained that in order to make this rate work on the City side, it came down to cutting a fire truck, minor cuts to individual lines in the budget and a \$55,000 cut in City employees wage increase line.

COMBINED CITY, LANDFILL, SEWER AND CAPITAL RESERVE COMPARISON
2009-2010

City Operations	\$8,495,744
Landfill Fund	\$2,132,902
Sewer Utility	\$2,193,808
City Capital (excluding Bonded)	\$1,167,968
Overlay	\$195,000
Total Combined	\$14,185,422

Jacqueline Dwinal of 1552 Washington Street thanked Council for all their hard work on the budget and hoped they could continue to hold down the taxes in the future.

Seeing no other comments or questions, Chairman Wyman closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 PM.

Attest:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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