

A Special Meeting of the Troy City Council was held on August 15, 2022, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

A. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Ethan Baker
Edna Abraham
Theresa Brooks
Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creanga
Ann Erickson Gault
David Hamilton
Ellen Hodorek

C. PUBLIC COMMENT:**D. BUSINESS STATED IN THE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE:**

D-1 City of Troy Revenues

City Manager Miller described the format and reason for this Meeting, and the next Special Meeting. He pointed out that this is informational only, and there are no revenue requests in this meeting.

Assistant City Manager Bob Bruner presented the topic of Revenues.

MPT Erickson Gault questioned the increased revenue in 2021, and Mr. Bruner answered that this was from COVID relief from the Federal government.

MPT Erickson Gault questioned the overall collections vs. the tax rate. Mr. Miller answered that other cities have significant revenue from city tax, that the City of Troy does not have.

CM Hamilton commented that Troy's tax revenue would be even lower if the refuse millage were removed, much like other cities that have separate millages for refuse. He said that this is similar to the fact that Troy has a full-time Police Department, where other cities contract with the Oakland County Sheriff. Mr. Bruner commented that these are some of the reasons why it's tricky to compare cities apples-to-apples.

CM Chamberlain-Creanga questioned how some communities were able to raise funds without increasing their General Fund tax rate. She questioned if they use specialized millages instead. Mr. Bruner said that this was a reason it's difficult to compare cities, so the model that he used encompasses all millages to compare. Mr. Miller added that while a rollback millage would raise some money, it's not so much that it would make a difference.

CM Brooks questioned if Federal grants fall into the "Everything Else" category slide, and Mr. Bruner said yes.

CM Brooks commented that it's interesting to see how flat our revenue has been for the past 20 years while other municipalities' revenues have increased.

CM Hodorek commented that being able to have this dialog up front helps when it comes time to discuss budget issues with neighbors.

CM Abraham commented that the tax bill is very clear about where the money goes, but she thinks the City needs to be very clear that the tax bill is paid at the City, but all the money doesn't go to the City, it gets distributed to the other taxing authorities. She said that about half the money paid by taxpayers goes to the school district.

Mayor Baker questioned if the revenues shown from other cities include debt millages, and does Troy's revenue reflect the fact that we don't have any outstanding debt. Mr. Bruner commented that the numbers in the presentation do reflect that Troy doesn't have any outstanding debt.

Mayor Baker commented on the population growth comparison between Troy and other cities like Novi. Mr. Bruner commented that Troy developed earlier than other places like Novi, or Macomb Township.

MPT Erickson Gault commented that Troy gets very little funding from CDBG. Mr. Miller commented that the formula to determine funding for a city involves housing stock, and percentage of low-to-moderate income persons. CM Brooks questioned how many cities collect city income tax, and Mr. Bruner said there are about 21 cities who have city income tax, and it only makes sense in very specific circumstances, and Troy doesn't fit those circumstances.

E. OTHER BUSINESS:

F. ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 6:56 PM.

Mayor Ethan Baker

M. Aileen Dickson, MMC, MiPMC II
City Clerk