

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING/BUDGET AND LEVY HEARING

December 6, 2010

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2010 with members Robert Roesler, Jim Poirot, Carroll Behne, Brad Ringnell and Kurt Olson present. Absent, none. Also present, City Admin/EDA Director Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

Motion by Poirot to approve the updated agenda, second by Ringnell, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2010 EDA meeting and the November 15, 2010 council meeting as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Olson, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills and cigarette and beer licenses for NuWay Cooperative and Kum & Go Convenience Store was declared approved.

At this time the Budget and Levy Hearing was called to order. City Admin Jamie Letzring reviewed the hearing requirements that had been repealed in recent years and recapped the modifications made to the budget since the proposed levy was certified in September that resulted in lowering the levy increase to 7.1%. She illustrated tax levy history and LGA trends using disparity graphs, explained sources of revenue, expenditure breakdown per department, and each fund and its purpose. Mrs. Letzring also defined the cost savings of closing the city office to the public two afternoons a week. The final budget and levy will be approved at the December 20, 2010 council meeting.

Motion to adjourn the Budget and Levy Hearing by Poirot, second by Behne, carried.

The regular council meeting reconvened with a continuation of discussions with Nurse Director Lisa Lange of Temperance Lake Ridge regarding expansion of services to the community and their cable television contract. Motion by Ringnell to go forth with a five-year contract with Midcontinent Communications for cable service and discontinue Direct TV, second by Olson, carried.

Waste Management has proposed a three-year contract renewal for refuse services to the City of Sherburn. Motion by Poirot to approve the three-year contract as negotiated, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2010-27 Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to Purchase a \$1,372,500 General Obligation Sewer Revenue Note of 2010, Providing for its Issuance and Authorizing Execution of a Bond Purchase and Project Loan Agreement, second by Poirot. Poirot, yea; Behne, yea; Olson, yea; Ringnell, yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2010-27 approved. This loan at 1% interest for WWTP upgrades is estimated to save \$246,000 over a period of twenty years.

A proposal from The Retrofit Companies for installation of retrofit lighting and disposal of old fixtures and ballasts at the Fire Hall, incubator space and Community Hall including rebates was reviewed. It is anticipated that this investment will increase lumens and reduce wattage for an annual savings of \$2800.00 at the three locations. Motion by Roesler to invite Jeff Kath of The Retrofit Companies to attend the next available council meeting to discuss this project and answer questions, second by Ringnell, carried.

Mayor Roesler stated that a League webinar in which he had participated has indicated no additional cuts to LGA in 2010 are expected; any staff cuts in the police budget will result in reduced coverage. Councilor Poirot called for ticketing and towing cars parked on the street during times of snow removal; Councilor Ringnell requested that a decision be made on the purchase of a tanker, as the cost of equipment becomes more expensive with the mandated additions.

Administrator report:

- After research, it has been found that the current employee health insurance carrier is the most economical option.
- The 2011 fee schedule was distributed for review and consideration at the next council meeting.

- A request has been received from a local business owner regarding tax abatement, TIF districts and JobZ availability for business expansion. Research performed with the limited information provided shows that the expansion does not meet the criteria to qualify for any of these programs. In the absence of a written business plan, no further research can be conducted.
- Motion by Olson to pay for the replaced pump on the grass rig from available repair/maintenance funds with the remaining balance from fire equipment designated funds, second by Poirot, carried.

Motion to adjourn by Poirot, second by Behne, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff