



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL TRUTH IN TAXATION
PUBLIC HEARING
December 1, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tempore: Ben Goodwin; Council: Sharon Henderson, and Jim Benson

Staff Present: Interim City Administrator: Terrance Post; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: Mayor: Randy Gilbert (with prior notice); Council: Sam Rettinger

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Benson, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Ayes: all.

TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING

Post reported that purpose of the meeting was to hold the Truth in Taxation public hearing to present the proposed budget and levy for the following year to the public. The public hearing provides an opportunity for the public to ask questions and make comments related to the following year's budget and levy.

The suggested overall process for the TNT Initial Public Hearing is as follows:

- 1) Presentation by City staff.
- 2) Open Public Hearing and receive comments and/or questions from the public.
- 3) If appropriate, motion to cancel the Continuation Hearing scheduled for December 8, 2008.
- 4) Motion to set date of Subsequent Hearing for December 16, 2008 at 6:30 pm, at which time approval action will be taken on adopting the final 2009 Budget and the final Payable 2009 Levy.
- 5) Close Public Hearing.
- 6) City Council discussion.

Post provided a presentation discussing 2009 budget factors; projected general fund reserves; the 2009 recommended levy versus levy history; a summary of the proposed 2009 budget; major general fund expenditures by department/function; major services and benefits provided; and what general fund services would cost the average median-valued household in Long Lake under the proposed 2009 budget.

Post answered general questions regarding the budget and levy.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Goodwin opened the public hearing at 6:59 pm.

No one from the public addressed the Council.

A motion was made by Benson, seconded by Henderson, to cancel the continuation hearing. Ayes: all.

A motion was made by Benson, seconded by Henderson to set the date of the subsequent hearing for December 16, 2008. Ayes: all.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Goodwin closed the public hearing at 7:01 pm.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Goodwin announced that the Council would be taking action on the proposed 2009 budget and levy on December 16, the last meeting in 2008.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Pro-Tempore Goodwin adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk