

CITY OF FRAZEE
TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, December 11th, 2017
6:16 p.m.

Ludtke opened the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m. and Introduced Anderson to present the findings. Anderson presented a short film offered by the League of Minnesota Cities titled “City Services and Your Property Taxes; Part I”, followed by a power point presentation of the 2018 budget and Tax levy. Anderson thanked the Council, Finance Committee members, Department Heads and residents for their thoughts and input during the creation of the 2018 budget.

Highlights as follows:

Final Levy for 2018 set at \$301,195 an approximately 5.49% increase

Budget set at \$1,086,094

General Levy increase of \$15,695

LGA has been certified at \$497,844 for 2018 an increase of \$11,612

Step increase for employees including a 4% COLA

\$3,300.00 Appropriation for LARL link site

\$82,000.00 for Departments Capital Outlay

\$45,000 to transfer to the EDA

The City will update their Comprehensive plan during 2018 along with various other projects.

Porter asked if the employees will receive a raise plus a COLA giving them a double raise? Anderson explained the step plan has been in place and that employees are normally given a COLA every other year.

A motion to close the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:28 p.m. was made by Sharp, seconded by Julius. Motion carried.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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6:28 p.m.

Open Forum

Don Trieglaff – Trieglaff spoke about the logistical location of Frazee which prevents it from being a tourist destination or a candidate for manufacturing. He feels the only lucrative option for the city is to be a “bedroom community”. He said the area does have river, lakes and rolling hills and we are going to have trails in addition to 10 minutes commuting distance to 2 sister cities. He spoke about unsightly conditions in our city, parking spaces and home maintenance ordinances in other cities. Trieglaff said that most Landlords in Frazee take care of their properties however; he said a few landlords feel Frazee is their private domain. And he suggested capping the percentage of rental units allowed in the community and creating a rental registry.

Consent Agenda

MOTION by Julius, seconded by Sharp, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- Approve the minutes from the November 2017 Regular Council.
- Approve the Claims for Payment.
- Review and Approve City Cash Accounts Presented

All present in favor, motion carried.

Old Business.

None

New Business

- a. Truth in Taxation – Ludtke asked if there were any questions on the presentation that Anderson presented, hearing none Miosek made a motion to accept the findings of the hearing, seconded by Flemmer. All present in favor, motion carried.
- b. Resolution 1211-A approval and certification of the 2018 Operating City Budget. Motion to accept the Resolution was made by Sharp, seconded by Miosek. All present in favor, motion carried.
- c. Resolution 1211-B 2018 Fee Schedule. Flemmer asked if there were any significant changes in any fees. Anderson said that the Fire department had changed their call fee and that the re-inspection of rental properties had been raised. A motion was made to accept the 2018 Fee Schedule by Flemmer, seconded by Julius. All present in favor, motion passed.
- d. Resolution 1211-17C Hwy 87 Project Agreeing to Maintain Facility. Flemmer asked if any changes from last year in maintenance of the project had occurred. Stephenson said that the City will need to clear the snow on the multi-use trail. A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Miosek, seconded by Julius. All present in favor, motion carried.
- e. E. Retrofit the Main Street lights with LED's. Thon said that there are 29 poles to replace with white lights and explained the cost savings with the Ottertail power rebate program. In 2 years the project will have paid for itself in energy savings. The lamps have about an 8-year life expectancy. Thon didn't believe that the lights should experience any maintenance expenses. Flemmer asked if another pole could be placed by the General Dollar location due to poor lighting in the area. Stephenson will check with the power company. There was a discussion of the brighter or dimmer types of bulbs and Council decided they would prefer the bulbs that are not so bright. A motion to go ahead with the replacement of the lights and accept the proposal from Frazee Electric was made by Sharp, seconded by Miosek. All present in favor, motion carried.
- f. Gaming Permit – Frazee sportsman's Club-Raffle- March 10, 2018 to be held at 114 North Lake Street. A motion to approve the application presented by the Sportsman's Club was made by Julius, seconded by Miosek. All present in favor, motion carried.

Staff Reports

Jolene Tappe, Event Center Manager, reported a good month of November. She did some advertising and her floor scrubber needed repair otherwise she felt the center would have seen a profit. Flemmer said that he has heard good comments regarding the Blind Joe Concert and compliments on the new backdrop.

Liquor Store, Meghan Eastman Ludtke introduced Eastman as the new manager. There was a discussion of Liquor store finances and November losses. Council members said they will need to keep a very close watch over the expenditures to determine if the operation would need to be shut down.

Tyler Trieglaff, Police Department, reported 132 calls for the month of November, 36 calls were for traffic stops. There is a recall on the squad and another 2 notifications have recently arrived.

Tyler Trieglaff, Frazee Rescue Squad, reported 23 calls in November with 4 in town. Their board is meeting with a new member. Their next meeting is December 12th will include training and they are participating in "Adopt A Class". The department needs more volunteers.

Albert Doll, Fire Department, reported 1 call in the month of November in Burlington Township. They will hold ice rescue training and pumper operators training. All the pump tests on the engines have been completed.

Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent, reported 3,639,615 gallons of water was pumped in November. 17 ¾ gallons of Fluoride were added. 2.81 million gallons were pumped out to the Waste Water Treatment Plant for Treatment. The city had .34 of precipitation in the month of November. Stephenson said that he is currently working with the Minnesota State department of Health in regard to the testing samples. As of this date all the samples are passing, and they will use up the last of the chlorination product which will last for the next 3 weeks. His department has been working on the skating rink downtown and will bring in the warming house. There will need to be power supplied to it and some minor remodeling.

MOTION by Julius, seconded by Miosek, to accept all staff reports as presented.
All present in favor, motion carried.

Council Member reports

EDA – Ludtke noted that they are moving forward with the grant request to be submitted to West Central Initiative for the RFP. Both the RFP and RFQ have been released to accept proposals.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Sharp noted that the discussion at Planning and Zoning is also concentrating on the RFP's and the RFQ's.

PUBLIC SAFETY – No meeting

PERSONNEL AND FINANCE – Review of 2018 Final Levy

PARKS & REC- Planning of downtown skating rink and discussion of 2018 Town Lake Restoration Project.

LARL- Julius reported a circulation of 166 for the month of November with digital at 51 counts. Update of 1,000 Books before Kindergarten and Storytime.

Update of Nuisance Meetings – Sharp said that he and Miosek did a windshield inspection of the City and the findings were that homeowners are very good about the maintenance and appearance of their properties. However; some landlords have issues with upkeep. Sharp said the City’s existing Nuisance Ordinance is good however; he would like to see the city abate the terminology “Blight” which deals with aesthetics, and have that ordinance re-codified into the Nuisance Ordinance. He also recommended that the City take a closer examination of the Detroit Lakes Property Maintenance Ordinance, incorporate a “Rental Registry” and enforce the 3 Strike policy. Sharp said he feels a focus should be placed on the downtown area enforcing and getting things cleaned up. Flemmer want a clarification that the focus is for the landlords and tenants. Chief Trieglaff suggested that Landlords create their own Association to keep each other better informed.

MOTION was made by Julius and seconded by Miosek to accept the Council Member Reports as presented. All present in favor, motion carried.

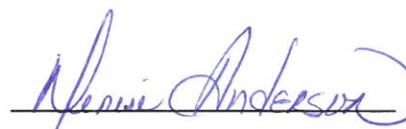
Clerk/Treasurer Report

Anderson, reported that 18 RFP’s have been asked to be sent out and 2 have already responded that they will be presenting. 15 RFQ’s have been asked to be sent out and 3 have responded that they will not be able to do a proposal for Frazee.

MOTION was made by Miosek to accept Anderson’s report, seconded by Flemmer.

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:38PM.

ATTEST;


Denise Anderson, City Administrator