

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Mayor Eder called the special meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Frank Eder, Tootz Tschumperlin, Sue Unterberger, Marc Wirz, Brenda Carlson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss and act on the proposed levy and budget for 2018.

Council reviewed the budget and discussed the proposed street improvements for 2018. The proposed project is for pavement reconstruction of 2 streets in the mobile home park and the city parking lot and to reconfigure the intersection at School Avenue and Highway 55 to eliminate the curve at the south end, which will improve school bus turning movement and make it safer. The estimated costs for the complete project are \$269,100.00. If the parking lot were left out of the project, that would reduce the costs to \$200,200.00. After discussion, council agreed to do the streets in the mobile home park and the School Avenue/Highway 55 intersection in 2018. The parking lot will be delayed until 2019. Proposed expenses for the 2018 General Fund are \$769,091.00. Council set the General Fund levy at \$315,231.00. The city must over levy \$44,170.00 for abatements to Mies Outland and Hilltop Health Care Center. The city will also levy \$20,000.00 for the Economic Development Authority and \$165,200.00 for the G.O. Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A debt service. Total levy amount will be \$544,601.00 for 2018. This is a .45% increase over 2017. Council also discussed the water and sewer funds and the possibility of increasing rates a small amount annually to build up the funds for future replacements of pumps, etc. This will be discussed at an upcoming regular meeting.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-30, RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED TAX LEVY, SECONDED UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #2017-30
CITY OF WATKINS
MEEKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED TAX LEVY

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Watkins, Meeker County, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2018, upon the taxable property in the City of Watkins, for the following purposes:

General Fund	\$315,231.00
Economic Development Tax Abatement-Mies Outland	\$25,000.00
Economic Development Tax Abatement-Hilltop Health Care Center	\$19,170.00
Economic Development Authority Fund	\$20,000.00
\$4,725,000 G.O. Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A	\$165,200.00

The city clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the county auditor of Meeker County, Minnesota. This foregoing resolution was adopted this 19th day of September 2017 by the City Council of the City of Watkins.

ATTEST: (SEAL)
Frank Eder, Mayor
Debra S. Kramer, Clerk

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-31, RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED BUDGET, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO SET THE TRUTH IN TAXATION DISCUSSION FOR DECEMBER 14TH AT 7:15 P.M. AT CITY HALL, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by

Deb Kramer, Clerk

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Frank Eder, Mayor