

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2004-draft

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on December 6, 2004 at 6:34 p.m. in the City Hall chambers for the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. Mayor Zietlow presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Workman, Weir, Zietlow, Smith and Brinkman

Members absent:

Also present: City Administrator Chad Adams, Public Works Director Jim Dillman, Police Chief Ed Belland, and City Planner Rose Lorsung.

II. Staff Presentation

Adams provided a presentation of the current 2004 general fund budget and proposed 2005 general fund budget, current 2004 and proposed 2005 taxes payable, and current 2004 and proposed 2005 tax rates. The general fund budget is increasing by 11.58%, the tax levy is increasing by 13.1%, but the tax rate is decreasing from 17.16% to 16.35%.

Adams discussed the Capital Improvement Plan and some of the changes being presented. He cautioned that the Equipment Fund will be exhausted after 2006 if more funding does not get set aside in the near future.

Adams also stated that the proposed budget will increase the road maintenance budget, will fund the Police Drug Task Force member, and will address some of the administrative/planning personnel needs for support.

Adams announced the subsequent hearing for Tuesday, December 21st, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

III. Council Comments

Discussion was held on reducing the proposed 13.1% levy increase to 10%, adequately funding the City's Capital Improvement Plan, providing more code enforcement services, funding road maintenance, and funding the Drug Task Force position.

IV. Public Hearing

The public hearing was opened at 7:21 p.m.

Marilyn Fortin, 201 Hamel Road, asked a question about a Tax Increment Tax that was listed on her Truth In Taxation statement. Adams stated that the property is located within the newly created tax increment district and he will contact Hennepin County to determine why the amount is listed on the TNT statement.

The public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

V. Next Hearing

Adams again announced the subsequent hearing for Tuesday, December 21st, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Discussion was continued on the difference of opinion on the levy increase from 13.1% to 10%. The dollar difference is about \$45,000.

*Moved by Smith and seconded by Workman to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Philip K. Zietlow, Mayor

Attest:

Chad M. Adams, City Administrator-Clerk