

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2010

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on November 22, 2010 at 6:03 p.m. at the Medina City Hall, 2052 County Road 24, Medina, MN.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Weir, Crosby, Siitari, Smith

Members absent: Johnson

Also present: City Administrator Chad M. Adams, City Planner Dusty Finke, Public Works Superintendent Steve Scherer, Police Chief Ed Belland, and Finance Director Jeanne Day

II. 2011 Budget

Adams provided an overview of the staff memo which outlined the reduction in the City's tax levy from a \$68,904 increase as established by Council on September 7th to the proposed \$36,483 increase as of November 22nd. He noted the added debt service for the road bonds represents a \$40,777 tax increase alone. Adams explained the Council had requested Staff to prepare a reduced tax levy to reflect a no average increase in property taxes for Medina's share of property taxes to residents. Adams highlighted the revisions to the budget to reflect the reduced tax levy, along with impacts of the tax levy change on example properties, and noted that 57% of Medina's residential property owner's total property taxes (school, County, City, etc.) are decreasing as of the September 7th preliminary levy that was established. He also discussed the proposed rate increases to the City's utilities.

Discussion was held on the tax levy reduction, budget adjustments, fund balance, projected 2010 surplus, and proposed utility rate increases.

The Council directed Staff to present the revised tax levy increase of \$36,483 at the December 7th Truth in Taxation meeting and to provide information to the Council on the projected 2010 surplus and fund balance.

Adams stated that Staff has been taking the approach, per previous budget deliberations, to seek contract renewals with service providers and consultants at no more than a 1% increase for 2011, depending on the contract rate agreements for 2010. He explained that service providers not agreeing to freeze their rates in 2010 were being requested by Staff to freeze their rates in 2011. Adams stated the Loretto Volunteer Fire Department has not agreed to the 0% in 2011 considering the department received a 3% increase in 2010. Adams noted he will continue to approach the final 2011 negotiations under this direction unless otherwise directed by Council. No direction was provided to change Adams' approach.

III. City Hall Improvements

Adams provided an overview of the spreadsheet in the packet that listed needed and prioritized improvements to City Hall. He requested direction to proceed with some of the items that would not duplicate costs if the City were to move to a different facility in the near future.

The Council directed staff to prepare a list of improvements with costs for approval and to refine the list of priorities for future consideration.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

T.M. Crosby, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Chad M. Adams, City Administrator-Clerk