

Proceedings of the Hokah City Council Budget Meeting

Date: August 22, 2017

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Basement of Hokah Fire Station

Members Present: Mayor Walsh and Council Members: Bissen, Albrecht, Vetsch, Pfiffner

Others Present: Administrator Blank, Clerk/Treasurer Leitzen, Police Chief Schuldt, Chris Oliver

Mayor Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

City Clerk Leitzen opened the meeting explaining the new budget documents, including his sample 2018 budget. Leitzen reported that he had reviewed previous years' budget numbers and done his best to bring this one up to speed. Leitzen noted that, after conferring with the city auditor, he would be moving forward with canceling the extra funds as mentioned in the previous meeting. Vetsch and Oliver suggested changes to the sample budget regarding maintenance & supply line items.

Mayor Walsh solicited comments on each department's budget as presented. Chief Schuldt spoke briefly asking for no extra funds and expressing gratitude for his budget as-is. Council member Albrecht asked questions regarding the possible expenses for the newest city building at 211 Main St, but the city employees replied that it was too early on and the building had been unoccupied long enough to make any accurate prediction difficult. The meeting also discussed raising the city levy for 2018, and debated topics of annexation & expansion of the city's water & sewer infrastructure. Council member Pfiffner praised the city for its efforts to save money and come in under budget every year.

Ultimately, the council voted to keep the levy at the same rate for 2018 as it was for 2017. The Council also agreed on a 1% percent Cost of Living Adjustment for city employees. The council approved the proposed budget, including the changes requested by Oliver & Vetsch.

Mayor Walsh motioned to install a 1% COLA increase for long-time city employees for the 2018 Calendar year. Second by Vetsch, unanimous approval

A motion was made by Don Bissen, seconded by Rebecca Albrecht, to approve a resolution adopting the proposed property tax levy in the amount of \$295,583. The motion carried 4-1. Ayes: Walsh, Albrecht, Bissen, Vetsch. No: Pfiffner

Administrator Blank announced the Truth in Taxation meeting, to take place at the Hokah Fire Hall at 6:01pm on December 5, 2017.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vetsch, seconded by Bissen. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:07 P.M.

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