



**MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 5, 2017 6:00 pm**

- **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00pm
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL:** Vetsch, Bissen, Albrecht, Pfiffner, Walsh
- **MAYOR PRESENTS PROPOSED 2017 TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2018**  
Motion by Vetsch to reduce Library levy to state mandated base rate of \$15,901, Pfiffner second.
- **DISCUSSION**  
Librarian Shari Carlson and citizen Barb Bissen objected to the changes to the levy, with Carlson asking for more research to be done before a vote. Citizen Darlene Walsh cited the accessibility of the new city building. Council member Bissen objected to the motion. City Administrator Blank read from a statement from the Minnesota Department of Revenue stating the state-certified base number. Carlson cited the Minnesota Department of Education saying the cut is too large to happen in one year. Mayor Walsh asked City Attorney Wieser to look into the issue. Council member Albrecht objected, citing a subdivision regarding maintenance of effort. Gallery commentary regarding senior citizen access to current library and St. Peter’s accessibility. Council member Albrecht raised questions about City Hall occupancy.
- **LEVY APPROVAL TABLED TO SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 12, 2017.**  
Vetsch motion, Walsh second. Unanimous.

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- **ACTION TO CHANGE AGENDA:**
  - Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve Vetsch, Albrecht second. Unanimous.
    - 1.1 Minutes: November 8, 2017
    - 1.2 Bills Payable Through: December 1, 2017
    - 1.3 Consolidated Balance Sheet: December 1, 2017
- 1. Water/Waste Water/City Engineer:**  
No report
- 2. Police/ Attorney:**  
Chief Schuldt reported that MNDOT has agreed to help with the painting of the 1<sup>st</sup> & Main street crosswalk  
Attorney Wieser reported an initial offer from American Tower to buy the land it currently leases from the city for a Verizon cell tower. The initial offer is \$90,000. Council decided to send out RFPs to multiple firms in hopes of getting a better offer.
- 3. Streets/Maintenance:**  
No report
- 4. Park & Rec:**  
no report
- 5. Planning/Zoning/Building Committee:**  
no report
- 6. Library:**  
no report
- 7. Action/Info. Items:**
  - 1. Delinquent Utility Bills to be placed on Property Taxes. Albrecht motion, Bissen second, unanimous
  - 2. Barb Kappauf requested to move in to the former SEMCAC building at 211 Main St to pursue setting up a café. Vetsch motion, Pfiffner second. Ayes: Vetsch, Albrecht, Pfiffner, Walsh. Nay: Bissen

**8. Mayor Comments:**

none

**9. Council Member Comments:**

Vetsch: none

Bissen: Raised a question of a streetlight in the 100 block of Main street not working.

Albrecht: Offered a thank you for the volunteer Christmas decorations set up around the city.

Pfiffner: Requested to move the council meetings to a permanent council chamber in the 211 building.

**10. Staff:**

City Clerk Leitzen requested the council approve regular phone stipend for Maintenance Worker Dustin McNamer. The council approved.

**11. Correspondence:**

none

**12. Next Council Meeting:** January 2, 2018.

**13. Items for next Agenda:** City board appointments for 2018.

**14. Adjournment:** Motion Vetsch, Second Pfiffner. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned 7:06pm.

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