

CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP

5:00 P.M.

August 7, 2017

Present: Scott M. Johnson
Richard DeRosier
Dustin Goutermont
Carlene Perfetto
Shane Hoff

Lana Fralich, City Administrator

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOP – The Council reviewed the first draft of the 2018 budget. There was discussion about the net tax capacity estimate of 1.7% received from the County Assessor; the increase in LGA of \$14.5K; the Draft #1 levy of 28.3%; wage and health insurance changes; Estimated Taconite Production Aid; capital budgeting for engineer estimate overruns for the street shop roof and wall project and the City Hall roofing projects; each individual department budgets that included equipment purchases for streets, administration, police, parks and recreation, water/sewer, and fire; the need for reroofing the old section of the roof on the liquor store, capital planning for the looping the water main before the business park, preliminary treatment at the wastewater plant, and two sanitary bridges; upgrading the police Zuercher System and new MSDS online for OSHA safety; and improving the interior of the Reunion Hall. There was further discussion for the need to get to a higher level of levying for future capital planning and streets planning; setting funding aside for upcoming retirement severances; and funding to cover the financial planning for the large \$43 million street project. Overall the consensus was that some of the engineering estimates appear high and that there needs to be a balance to match more of our community's affordability and that the levy was higher than desired.

Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lana Fralich



Scott M. Johnson, Mayor



Lana Fralich, City Administrator