

**CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting**

For the purpose of review and taking action on the proposed 2024 Proposed Budget,
2024 Levy, and Liquor Store Manager Hiring.

9:30 A.M.

September 28, 2023

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Shane Hoff
Dustin Goutermont

Excused: Richard DeRosier
Ben Bautch

Lana Fralich, City Administrator

Mayor LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Resolution 2023-#51 Proposed Budget- Council reviewed the proposed budget for FY 2024. There was discussion on the Proposed Budget and Levy to be set by September 30, 2023 and that the budget and levy would not increase but could potentially decrease by the time the final budget and levy would be certified by December 31, 2023. Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to adopt Resolution 2023-#51 Proposed 2024 Budget revenue and expenditure budget in the grand total amount of \$29,887,600 in revenue and \$31,316,485 in expenses and to set the Truth in Taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. December 4, 2023 during the regular City Council meeting to be held at City Hall, 7 Davis Drive, Silver Bay, MN 55614. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Aye
Member Bautch – Absent
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2023 – 51 WAS ADOPTED: 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 excused

Resolution 2023-#52 Proposed Levy – Council reviewed the levy based upon the proposed budget, which put the levy at a 9.4% increase or \$147,470 for 2024. It was noted that this increase would not be showing as high, if the City had not lowered the levy for 2023 due to Northshore Mining shutdown. Discussion regarding ways to lowering the levy by potentially removing new server in administration, removing levy increase for equipment and vehicle purchases, reduction in estimations of electric and natural gas costs, and seeking grant from Lake County for new compressors. There was discussion on potential changes based upon labor negotiations. Motion by Hoff, second Goutermont to approve Resolution 2023-#52 the proposed 2023 collectible 2024 Tax Levy in the amount of \$ 1,719,695. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Aye
Member Bautch – Absent
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2023 – #52 WAS ADOPTED: 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 excused

Liquor Store Manager Hiring- The personnel committee is recommending hiring Han Taylor as Liquor Store Manager, pending successful completion of a background check and pre-employment physical. Starting wage would be 80% of the Full-Time wage (\$27.24) and move to 90% after six months successful completion, and full wage rate after successful completion of probation. Effective hire date will be pending completion for conditions of employment. Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to hire Han Taylor as for the vacant Liquor Store Manager position, pending successful completion of background check and pre-employment physical at a starting wage of \$27.24. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to adjourn at 9:44 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:



Wade LeBlanc, Mayor



Lana Fralich, City Administrator