

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Special Meeting of the Brainerd City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President Scheeler.

Upon roll call, the following members were noted present: Hilgart, Koep, Pritschet, Bevans, Johnson, Borkenhagen and Scheeler. Mayor Wallin was noted as absent. City Staff present included: City Administrator Thoreen, Finance Director Hillman, City Engineer Hulsether, City Planner Ostgarden, Police Chief McQuiston and Recreation Coordinator Kaufman.

**2016 Preliminary Levy and Budget – Resolution No. 42:15 Adopted – Setting the City's Preliminary Levy at \$6,139,240.27**

Finance Director Hillman presented information on the 2016 budget process, noting the difference in the current budget draft from the August 24<sup>th</sup> budget workshop. One of the biggest challenges the City faces is funding its capital needs. The preliminary levy needs to be adopted by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The final levy needs to be adopted by December 31<sup>st</sup>. It can be lower than what is adopted in September but not higher. If the preliminary levy is not adopted tonight, it could be adopted at the September 21, 2015 council meeting.

Council discussion was held. Each council member had an opportunity to discuss their percentage of increase for the preliminary levy.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND BORKENHAGEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 42:15 – SETTING THE CITY'S 2016 PRELIMINARY LEVY AT \$6,139,240.27.

Discussion was held by Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN KOEP AND HILGART TO TABLE THE MOTION.

Upon roll call, members Hilgart and Koep voted "aye." Members Pritschet, Bevans, Johnson, Borkenhagen and Scheeler voted "nay." The Chair declared the motion failed and asked for roll call on the original motion.

On the Original Resolution: Upon roll call, members Pritschet, Bevans, Johnson and Borkenhagen voted "aye." Members Hilgart Koep and Scheeler voted "nay." The Chair declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 42:15 adopted.

**Adjourn**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

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Jim Thoreen  
City Administrator