

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Budget Workshop 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: Koep, Pritschet, Bevans, Johnson, Borkenhagen, Hilgart and Scheeler. City Staff present included: City Administrator Thoreen, Finance Director Hillman, Engineer Hulsether, Police Chief McQuiston, Fire Chief Holmes, Park Director Sailer, Planner Ostgarden, and HR Coordinator Schubert.

President Gary Scheeler led Council through the 11/24/2015 memo provided.

Airport Security – Discontinue Effective February 1, 2015 – Approved

The Chair stated that the airport security at the airport needed to be addressed. The airport is jointly owned by the County and the City, but the City is doing all of the security.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN KOEP AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2016 THE CITY WILL NO LONGER DO THE SECURITY AT THE AIRPORT AT NO COST.

Health Insurance for Council Members – Proceed with Option 1 – Approved

The Chair recognized HR Coordinator Schubert who presented the council with options for health insurance for the City Council and BPU Commissioners. They were:

- Option 1: Receive an Opt Out payment (currently it is \$315 for employees) and have fully paid single health insurance.
- Option 2: Pay 80% of the family premium.
- Option 3: Do not offer health insurance for City Council and BPU Commissioners.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HILGART AND PRITSCHET, DULY CARRIED, TO GO WITH OPTION 1.

Council also directed staff to prepare a cost estimate if the City contributes toward family premium.

Council then went through the rest of the items outlined in the memo. Finance Director Hillman discussed other items for Council to consider, including: the impact of open enrollment on the 2016 budget, preparing the November financial information for another look at the budget, funding of future capital needs, structuring the potential new debt differently and the 2015 casualty and property dividend.

Council directed staff to prepare for the Truth and Taxation Hearing with a proposed levy increase of 7.47% over 2015 levy.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Jim Thoreen, City Administrator