

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a 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: Borkenhagen, Hilgart, Koep, Pritschet, Bevans, Johnson and Scheeler. Mayor Wallin was noted as absent. City Staff present included: City Administrator Thoreen, Finance Director Hillman, City Planner Ostgarden and City Engineer Hulsether.

Overview of 2016 Airport Funding Request

Airport Manager Jeff Wig and Commission Chair Andy Larson presented information to Council on the general operations of the airport and the need for an increase to the annual appropriation to the airport by the City and the County. Comparison of funding to similar airports in size and operations was also presented. Council asked questions and discussion was held.

General Overview/Assumptions for the 2016 Budget

Finance Director Hillman presented a general overview and assumptions that are included in the initial 2016 budget such as:

- 20% increase in all health insurance premiums
- 6% increase in workers' compensation insurance
- 4% increase in general, property, auto, and liability insurance premium
- One additional employee and 2 FTE's for IT
- The need for direction from council on the amount to be budgeted for fund balance policy and funding for future capital needs

General, Street & Sewer, Sanitary Sewer, and Storm Sewer Fund Budgets

Finance Director Hillman, City Planner Ostgarden and City Engineer went through the line item budgets with council and discussed capital needs for the next 5 years. Council asked questions and discussion was held.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Jim Thoreen
City Administrator