

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: Borkenhagen, Hilgart, Koep, Pritschet, Bevans, Johnson and Scheeler. Mayor Wallin was noted as absent. City Staff present included: City Administrator Thoreen, Finance Director Hillman and Park Director Sailer.

Library Fund Budget

Librarian Jolene Bradley presented the council how the library is funded and the general operations of the library. Ms. Bradley went through the line item budget for the operations and building with the Council and discussed how the levy dollars are used and the shortfall of the current annual levy of \$141,000. Council asked questions and discussion was held.

HRA Levy

Executive Director of the HRA Jennifer Bergman presented the Council with the Brainerd HRA's Mission, the demographics of our neighborhoods, and how the HRA accomplishes their mission and strategic goals and action steps. Ms. Bergman also presented how the levy dollars are used by the HRA for operations and requested the City Council's approval of the maximum levy allowed by statute. Council asked questions and discussion was held.

BLAEDC Funding Request

Executive Director of the BLAEDC Shelia Haverkamp presented the council with BLAEDC's 2016 funding support request. Ms. Haverkamp discussed BLAEDC's programs and services, how BLAEDC is funded, and Brainerd's contribution is used and its return on investment. Council asked questions and discussion was held.

Parks Fund Budget

Finance Director Hillman and Parks Director Sailer went through the line item budgets with the Council and discussed capital needs for the next 5 years. Council asked questions and discussion was held

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Jim Thoreen
City Administrator