

**Brainerd, MN
December 1, 2016**

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, Hilgart, Scheeler and Mayor Menk. Member Borkenhagen was noted as absent. City Staff present included: City Administrator Thoreen, Finance Director Hillman, Engineer Hulsether, Police Chief McQuiston, Fire Chief Holmes, Park Director Sailer and Planner Ostgarden.

Resolution No. 56:16 Adopted – Authorizing Off-Site Gambling by Brainerd Lions for a Raffle to be held on December 5, 2016 at First Lutheran Church, 424 S 8th Street, Brainerd

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN HILGART AND BEVANS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 56:16 – AUTHORIZING OFF-SITE GAMBLING TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE BRAINERD LIONS IN THE FORM OF A RAFFLE TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 2016 AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 424 S 8TH STREET, BRAINERD.

RESOLUTION NO. 56:16

Upon roll call, members Koep, Pritschet, Bevans, Johnson, Hilgart and Scheeler voted “aye.” No Member voted “nay.” The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

2017 Budget and Levy Discussion

City Administrator Thoreen announced that this evening is for Council discussions and considerations as a work session. Public Comment will be welcomed at the Budget Public Hearing to be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. He stated that the Council adopted the preliminary 2017 levy with a 3% increase over the 2016 tax levy and that the Final Budget and Levy will be adopted at the December 19, 2016 City Council meeting.

Finance Director Hillman walked Council through two different options to balance the 2017 budget and presented the “2017 Budget and Levy Workshop” outline which included Estimated Market Values, 2016 to 2017 Preliminary Levy Comparison, and Impacts to both Residential Homestead and Commercial/Industrial Properties.

Council and staff discussion was held.

Adjourn – To the Downtown Meeting to be held at 3:00 P.M. on Monday, December 5, 2016 at the Brainerd Public Library.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

James M. Thoreen
City Administrator