

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 Gary Scheeler

Upon roll call, the following members were noted present: Koep, Pritschet, Bevans, Johnson, Hilgart, Scheeler and Mayor Menk. Council Member Borkenhagen arrived at the meeting at 6:10 P.M. The following staff was also noted as present: Finance Director Hillman, City Engineer Hulsether, Police Chief McQuiston, Fire Chief Holmes, and Park Director Sailer. It was noted that City Administrator Thoreen was absent.

The Chair opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2017 Budget and Levy Presentations

a) City Administrator Thoreen – VIA RECORDED PRESENTATION

City Administrator Thoreen announced that a great deal of information will be presented by Finance Director Hillman on the City's finances and property taxes but that the main purpose of tonight's meeting is to hear the Public's concerns about these very issues. He stated that the final 2017 Budget and Property Tax Levy will be adopted at the December 19, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting.

b) Finance Director Hillman

Finance Director Hillman presented and overview of the property tax timeline, history of the City's Estimated Market Value, the 2017 Levy and Budget and impact to both Residential Homestead and Commercial/Industrial Properties.

Public Comment Period

The Chair opened the Public Comment Period at 6:16 P.M.

The Chair recognized Mr. Stephen Johnson who addressed the Council relating to his properties at 11575 CR 45 South, Brainerd and 2601 11th Street South, who stated that his property tax due has gone up over 97 percent for County only and 127.73 percent for City portion.

Finance Director Hillman was given Mr. Johnson's information to research the increased taxes due.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 P.M.

Council President Scheeler thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:28 P.M.

Connie Hillman
Finance Director/Deputy Clerk