

CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

Members Present: Tyrel Clark, Ray Schuchard and Tony Nelson

Members Absent: Kurt Holst Bryan Cornell was absent at roll call but arrived at 6:15 pm

Staff Present: Brad Boice, Public Works Supervisor and Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer

Call to Order: Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda: Mayor Clark announced the agenda will be 2017 budget preparation.

2017 Budget Preparation: Knowlton presented the proposed 2017 budget.

Highlights:

Fire Department: Chief Peck reviewed a list of equipment and facility improvement considerations. Some items were: air packs, turn out gear, radios, hoses, washer/dryer, shower, extrication equipment and water rescue equipment. The items were discussed and prioritized. The Fire Department suggested levy was reduced from \$91,437 down to \$75,462.

Council members and Fire Chiefs plan on presenting this preliminary budget to the Eyota Township Board yet tonight for their input and consideration.

Parks: The Park Board suggested numerous improvements, including: splash pad, ice rink concrete, hockey boards, play equipment, another park in northwest Eyota, two park shelters and future maintenance equipment. The levy request was reduced from \$97,304 down to \$72,304.

EDA: Fund 220, general operating activity, had very few changes from last year. The suggested levy request is \$52,596, reduced from \$53,085 in 2016. The loan funds (221 and 222) do not require any levy requests; there is sufficient cash available for a number of loan requests.

It was discussed that the \$41,150 trail land purchase reimbursement received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources should be transferred into reserves to be used in the future to complete the trail from Sandstone Drive NW (at Kwik Trip), adjacent Highway 42, to connect to the roundabout.

Bond Payments: The 2015 and 2016 project payment requirements were reviewed. It was agreed to follow the suggestion to transfer revenues from the Water Fund to reduce the levy amount for each bond payment requirement. The transfer amounts are an averaged twenty five percent of the projects bond principal payments. Transfers from Water Fund in 2017 will be \$70,000: \$45,000 for the 2015 project and \$25,000 for the 2016 project.

General Fund: There were no changes made to the suggested General Fund budget and levy. The levy is being reduced because there are no major street improvements planned for 2017. The 2016 levy was \$95,065 and the 2017 levy is being suggested to be \$79,999.

The Council reduced proposed expenditures to reduce the levy increase to approximately 3.1% from the 2016 levy. The final levy can not be increased in December. The preliminary levy submitted now can still be reduced in December. Proposed 2017 levy is \$593,945. Numerous newly constructed structures will be on the property tax rolls in 2017 which will reduce the tax burden on property owners.

PROPOSED TAX LEVY
TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2016 compared to PROPOSED 2017

	2016	2017
General Fund	\$ 95,065	79,999
Fire Department Fund	79,837	75,462
Economic Dev. Authority	53,085	52,596
Park Fund	61,160	72,304
Debt Service Funds:		
2006A G.O. P.I.R. REV		
To 2012A G.O. P.I.R. Refunding	30,000	30,000
2008 G.O. P.I.R. Refunding	33,000	33,000
2008 G.O. Disposal System	42,612	41,100
2010 G.O. Imprv. Utility Revenue	44,015	42,282
2015 G.O. Improvement	133,288	117,400
2016 G.O. Improvement		44,837
2014 Property Tax Abatement	3,863	4,965
Total	\$ 575,925	593,945

Adjourn: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schuchard to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


 Tyrel Clark
 Mayor


 Marlis Knowlton
 Clerk/Treasurer