

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND LEVY**  
**COOK CITY COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 2016 – CITY HALL – 5 PM**

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**TIME AND PLACE:** A Special Meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 5 PM on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at the Cook City Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Mayor Karen Hollanitsch called the Special Council Meeting to order at 5:23 PM.

**ATTENDANCE:** Present were Acting Mayor-City Councilor Karen Hollanitsch, City Councilors Elizabeth Storm and Kim Brunner. Absent was Mayor Harold Johnston and City Councilor Jody Bixby. Also present was Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry.

The purpose of this meeting is to hold monthly special study sessions to discuss budget planning for 2017. The final November study session focuses on all departments and allows an opportunity for questions and comments before finalizing the 2017 budget at the regular council meeting on December 22, 2016.

Administrator Martinson informed the Council that the Truth in Taxation hearing will be held on December 22, 2016 at 6 PM.

The preliminary 2017 General Fund budget was reviewed. The City has proposed revenues for 2017 of \$524,403.00 and proposed expenses of \$532,849.00. An operating levy of 3% is being proposed. That is down from the original 8%. Also noted was the list of capital projects for the future. Now is a good time to think about the entrance road and parking at the airport; the city needs to find out what the county owns and what the city owns.

It was also suggested that the 5 PM budget meetings should be shorter next year unless a longer meeting is anticipated.

Councilor Storm thanked Administrator Martinson and Deputy-Clerk Beaudry for their work on the budgets.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 5:37 PM was made by Councilor Storm and seconded by Councilor Brunner. **MOTION CARRIED**

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Karen Hollanitsch, Acting Mayor

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Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer