

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
2019 PROPOSED BUDGET AND LEVY  
AND  
STREETS AND ALLEYS  
COOK CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 30, 2018 – CITY HALL – 2:30 PM**

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PRESENT: Mayor Harold Johnston, Councilors Kim Brunner, Jody Bixby, and Elizabeth Storm  
ABSENT: Councilor Karen Hollanitsch  
OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, Maintenance employee Tim Lilya, City Engineer John Jamnick of JPJ Engineering, and the Timberjay

Mayor Harold Johnston called the Special Council Meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

The purpose of this meeting is to hold monthly special study sessions to discuss budget planning for 2019. Study sessions will be held at 5:30 PM prior to the monthly regular council meetings for the remainder of the year to discuss the budget and levy for 2019.

The study session focuses on the budget for Streets and Alleys and to propose and adopt a Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy for 2019 and set the Truth in Taxation hearing date.

Streets and Alleys

Administrator Martinson walked through the Streets & Alleys budget numbers. Deputy Clerk Beaudry stated that she met with Maintenance Department employee Tim Lilya to discuss budget numbers and large future purchases. A generator needs to be purchased for the lift station; the approximate cost is around \$30,000. This was discussed last year and really needs to be put into place; right now there is an antiquated pump that has to be put together with no guarantee of functionality. We cannot have the pump go out during storms and/or flooding. \$5000 has been added to the Streets & Alleys Equip-Vehicles expense account. Future paving project idea would be North River Street; it is not in very good shape. Councilor Storm thanked the maintenance department for all they have done to keep the City in such good shape.

2019 Proposed Budget and Levy

The presented general fund budget primarily covers operating expenses for the city. Major capital projects need further review and grant opportunities considered. Budgeted project funds are designated separately from operating expenses to avoid substantial increases to the tax levy.

A preliminary levy increase of 5% is proposed to the council. The proposed 2019 levy amount would be \$409,706.

2016 LEVY \$367,797 Final  
2017 LEVY \$378,831 Final  
2018 LEVY \$390,196 Final  
2019 LEVY \$409,706 Preliminary

PROPOSED REVENUES		\$550,566
PROPOSED EXPENSES		<u>\$564,279</u>
	Deficit	\$(13,713)
AIRPORT	\$( 2,612)	
GENERAL FUND	\$(13,713)	
LEVY 5%	<u>\$ 19,510</u>	
	\$ 3,185	

The proposed Truth In Taxation meeting date is December 27 at 6 PM at Cook City Hall.

Miscellaneous

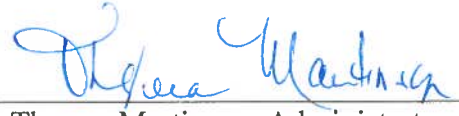
The September budget study session will review the Library and Parks and Beautification budgets.

Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to adjourn the special council meeting at 2:50 PM.

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

  
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 Harold Johnston, Mayor

  
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 Recorder: Stephanie Beaudry, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

  
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 Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer