

**MINUTES  
COOK CITY COUNCIL  
TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING  
DECEMBER 22, 2016 – 6 PM**

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**TIME AND PLACE:** A Special Meeting/Truth in Taxation Hearing was held at 6 PM on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at the Cook City Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harold Johnston called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

**ATTENDANCE:** Present at roll call was Mayor Harold Johnston, City Councilors Kim Brunner, Karen Hollanitsch and Elizabeth Storm. Absent was Councilor Jody Bixby. Also present were Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy-Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry, and Amy Shuster (Cook News-Herald).

**TRUTH IN TAXATION:**

The purpose of this meeting is to give the taxpayers and the City of Cook, the opportunity to discuss the budget and tax levy for the upcoming year 2017. Study sessions were held at 5 PM prior to each regular council meeting from August through October with a final budget review in November to discuss budgets for each department for 2017.

**GENERAL RUND BUDGET 2017 (FINAL):**

Proposed Operating Revenues:	\$524,403.00
Proposed Operating Expenses:	<u>\$532,849.00</u>
	(\$ 8,446.00)

**2016 Airport Budget:**

Revenue:	\$115,200
Expense:	\$117,475
	(\$ 2,275.00)

Proposed Levy	<u>\$ 11,034.00</u>
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Surplus	\$ 313.00
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**Additional projects to consider – funding designation needed:**

**Capital Projects**

IRRRB Residential and Commercial Redevelopment Program

Maintenance Garage Replacement

Vermilion Drive Lighting

North River Street Bridge Replacement

Capital Projects – Airport CIP Listing

Fuel System Replacement  
Reconstruct automobile parking area and entrance road  
Relocate AWOS and Beacon  
Taxiway construction to new hangar area  
Storage Building

Long Term Planning – City CIP Project Listing

The presented final tax levy increase for the City of Cook is 3%. This amount is decreased from the 8% proposed amount in September.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Storm, second by Hollanitsch to approve the final tax levy amount for the year 2016 collectible in 2017 in the amount of \$378,831.00 (3% increase) for the City of Cook. **MOTION CARRIED**


Motion by Brunner, second by Storm to adopt the 2017 general fund budget as presented in these minutes. **MOTION CARRIED**

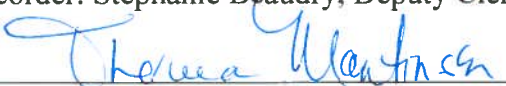
**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 6:03 PM was made by Councilor Brunner and second by Councilor Hollanitsch. **MOTION CARRIED**

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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