

City of Spirit Lake  
Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop  
City Hall  
July 27, 2018  
10:30 AM

Mayor Eastman called the special meeting to order at 10:32; roll call was taken with Councilors Joy Porter, Angel Vanderwilt, and Gary Ventress present; Chris Robinson was absent.

Budget Workshop: Council and Mayor reviewed the newest tentative budget revenues and the tentative proposed expenditures for 2018-2019. Discussion ensued regarding where the revenue numbers come from, and whether the 3% increase in property taxes should be taken, which is an increase in revenue of \$15,512; also discussed was the new construction roll that adds \$18,304 in revenue. The City Clerk/Treasurer explained that the tentative expenditures are very tentative, with the amounts simply carried over from the 2017-18 budget amended to include Councilor Ventress' request to include a new office assistant for City Hall in the administration wages and benefits, as well as the Lieutenant in the Public Safety wages and benefits. Councilor Ventress explained to the new Councilor and Mayor that it is up to Council to adjust the expenditure numbers around for each department, to include wish list items and projects. Much discussion.

Councilor Porter exited the meeting at noon, and Council took a break due to lack of quorum. The special meeting and budget workshop reconvened at 12:20 p.m. with Councilors Gary Ventress, Angel Vanderwilt, and Chris Robinson present; Joy Porter was absent.

Councilor Robinson was brought up to speed with what was already covered. Much more discussion ensued, including updating the building inspector contract; adding \$10,000 in carry-over funds to the police department to pay-off the outstanding payment on the patrol car, and purchasing an additional patrol car to replace the oldest car to continuing the 2 year car replacement rotation; and adding a building maintenance fund, so departments wouldn't have to pay for building maintenance from their general budget. More discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Renee Eastman, Mayor

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Ann Clapper, City Clerk