

**SPECIAL MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on September 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers. Mayor Mitchell presided.

**I. ROLL CALL**

**Members present:** Anderson, Pederson, Martin, Cousineau, and Mitchell.

**Members absent:**

**Also present:** City Planner Dusty Finke, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, Police Sergeant Jason Nelson, Finance Director Erin Barnhart and City Administrator Scott Johnson.

**II. 2018 CITY OF MEDINA PROPOSED TAXES AND EXPENDITURES**

Barnhart provided the City Council with the 2018 proposed budget and levy. The proposed 2018 tax levy was \$3,904,817 with a tax levy rate of 21.594%. The preliminary estimates show the City's property tax rate would decrease from 22.269% in pay 2017 to 21.594% in pay 2018, or a 3% decrease in the rate.

The proposed budget includes a 3% increase to the General Fund property tax levy for 2018. The General Fund Budget was proposed at \$4,426,643. The \$116,902 proposed increase will be utilized for increased insurance costs, general maintenance, and a proposed 3% cost of living increase for staff.

Council reviewed the long-term needs for fire, monetary reserves, bonding debt, equipment, road pavement management planning, utilities, neighboring cities tax rates, business tax comparisons, health insurance costs and the financial management plan. The financial management plan will be updated and posted on the website.

Robert Franklin, 2819 Lakeshore Avenue, commended the City Council for keeping costs manageable for residents.

Doug Dickerson, 2625 Pioneer Trail, suggested Medina consider a cost per resident methodology for department comparisons with other cities.

**IV. ADJOURN**

*Mayor Mitchell adjourned the Work Session at 6:55 p.m.*

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Bob Mitchell, Mayor

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Jodi M. Gallup, City Clerk

