

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on September 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Medina City Hall, 2052 County Road 24, Medina, MN.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Martin, Anderson, Cousineau, DesLauriers, Pederson

Members absent:

Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, Finance Director Erin Barnhart, Public Safety Director Ed Belland and City Planning Director Dusty Finke

II. 2019 Budget Open House

Finance Director Erin Barnhart presented information on the 2019 General Fund Budget and preliminary levy. Finance Director Barnhart also provided information on unfunded post-retirement benefits, 2019 staffing, 2019 health insurance, recent construction projects adding market value to Medina, and future road projects at Brockton Lane and Hickory Drive. Finally, Barnhart discussed the proposed utility increases of 3% for sewer, 2% for water, and 3% for stormwater.

Mayor and Council discussed two options for the overall debt service levy regarding the Municipal Park Fund Levy. Option 1: 21.503% which is a 0.1% decrease from 2018 and would add \$14,000 per year to the Municipal Park Levy, and Option 2: 21.667% which is a 0.7% increase from 2018 and would add \$44,000 per year to the Municipal Park Levy. Council discussed other alternatives including the transfer of \$30,000 from reserves along with Option #1. Council further discussed Option #1 not addressing the long-term funding need of the Municipal Park Levy, the need for open houses in 2019 to discuss the park needs with residents and requesting donations as well as pursuing alternative options for trails and equipment. Public Works Director Steve Scherer notified Council that donations have been received for trails and other park improvements in the past.

Council majority consensus was to approve Option #1 with a \$30,000 transfer from reserves and have the Park Commission hold open houses on the need for the Municipal Park Levy in 2019.

III. Adjournment

Martin closed the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Kathleen Martin, Mayor

Attest:

Jodi M. Gallup, City Clerk