

**2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2017**

Hearing was called to order by Mayor Peterson at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Council Members Alderman, Calvin, DeSana, Maiani, Schultz (6:02 p.m.)

Assessor Galeski (exited at 6:10), Clerk Stec

Also present: City Administrator Drysdale, Deputy Treasurer Szczechowski

City Administrator Drysdale indicated that he would present the General Fund account, and Special Revenue Fund accounts would be presented if time permitted. The Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and Brownfield Redevelopment budgets would be presented at a later date.

Mr. Drysdale went on to say:

- Property values went up greater than .9% but were rolled back due to Headlee
- Not sure what State Legislature is doing with revenue sharing yet
- Inter-local agreements were generating a little more revenue
- Department budget increases average about 3% except the clerk and recreation
- It is necessary to continue the millage
- Approximately 2.9 million General Fund dollars go into the retirement system
- Property values peaked in 2008, we are 22% below our 2008 levels

Councilman De Sana clarified Headlee and Proposal A roles in limiting tax increases.

Mr. Szczechowski continued the presentation by addressing the Special Revenue Fund accounts highlighting certain items in each one of them. These are clearly presented in the budget book, starting on page 100.

Mayor Peterson indicated that all contracts with the city's five (5) bargaining units were settled. Mr. Drysdale pointed out that they were five (5) year contracts that were "front loaded", and the more expensive part of the agreements were behind us.

Mayor Peterson thanked the citizens for their prior support of the millage increase and looks forward to future support.

Councilman Calvin inquired of Mr. Drysdale as to the retirement commissions efforts to cut costs, to which Mr. Drysdale responded by saying there are no easy answers, but yes, they are looking at ways to cut costs, but such factors as return on investment, and mortality also come into play, and must be considered as factors.

With no public comments or further questions, the hearing was adjourned with two dates being mentioned as possible dates to reconvene, August 21st, or 28th.

Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence S. Stec
City Clerk