

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES 6 AUGUST 31, 2015

Call Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Council Members Osborn, McNeilly, Boder and Stieve-McPadden

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Ruch-Hammond, Public Works Kuntz and Clerk Maetzold

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz

- 1. **General Fund Budget and Proposed Tax Levy for 2016:** Administrator Ruch-Hammond reviewed the Revenues and Expenses with the Council. The initial budget with adjustments presented an increase of \$166,706.00. The Tax Rate calculator indicated a preliminary tax rate of 63.829% using the Levy amount of \$1,064.551.00.

The Council would like to get the tax rate down to 59%. They reviewed the expenditures by department to see if additional cuts could be made. Several cuts were identified.

- Drop full time office staff to part time staff -25,000
- Reduce Community Center Capital Outlay - 5,000
- Reduce Hwy, Streets & Roads Capital Outlay (Bluejay parking lot) -17,500
- Reduce Maintenance Bldg Capital Outlay (Salt Storage Shed) - 5,000

Averaging the reductions to \$50,000, the new proposed tax levy would be \$1,014,552, leaving the tax rate at 60.252%

The Council will send the budget back to the Departments for additional possible cuts. Another reduction of \$10,000 would bring the tax rate down to 59%.

- 2. **City of New Germany Request to use Compost Site:** The City of New Germany has requested to use the City of Mayer's Compost site for the disposal of their branches only, no grass clippings. The Council discussed the request and will ask \$2,500 per year to help with the chipping of the branches.
- 3. **Other:** Due to the amount of time spent on the budget portion of the work session, other items scheduled for discussion were tabled until another work session.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gerald W. Thomas, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lois A. Maetzold, City Clerk