

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DASSEL CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 14, 2015, 7:00 P.M.  
DASSEL CITY HALL**

The special meeting of the Dassel City Council was called to order by Mayor Putnam at 7:00 p.m. on December 14, 2015 at Dassel City Hall.

Present: Council members Bjork, Hungerford, Nelson and Mayor Putnam (4)

Absent: Council members Asplin (1)

The purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed tax levy and general fund budget for 2016.

The council discussed the following budget items and agreed to leave them as is in the proposed levy:

1. Council per diems of \$25 for special and committee meetings.
2. Contribute \$10,000 to the Dassel Cokato Regional Ice & Sports Center project.
3. Contribute \$5,000 to the Dassel Cokato Trail.
4. Approve the Employee Committee recommendations:
  - a. 2% wage increase for all employees except: Lead Liquor Store Clerk will increase 5%; Museum Director 20%; Deputy Clerk 2% on 1/1/16 and 2% on her 1 year anniversary; City Clerk will receive an additional \$3,600 for Certifications; and the Public Works Director will receive on-call pay outside of his regular salary.
  - b. \$35 per month stipend to the following employees in lieu of a issuing a city cell phone: City Clerk, Liquor Store Manager and 2 Public Works Workers.
5. Contribute \$20,000 to the EDA operating budget.
6. Proposed redesign of City Clerk's office for increased security.
7. Continue to contract for cleaning services at City Hall and add contract cleaning services at the Museum and Community Center.
8. Increase attorney fees \$4,000.

The council agreed to decrease the GO Bond levy amount from \$160,000 to \$120,000. This provides enough money to cover 2016 bond payments but does not include any additional to pay down existing bond deficits which were are in excess of \$100,000 at the end of 2014.

Additionally, the council discussed waiving the WAC/SAC fees for 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jeff Putnam  
Mayor

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Terri Boese  
Clerk/Treasurer