

**TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING OF THE DASSEL CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 2017, 6:30 P.M.
DASSEL CITY HALL**

The Truth in Taxation Hearing of the Dassel City Council was called to order by Mayor Hungerford at 6:30 p.m. on December 18, 2017 at the Dassel City Hall.

Present: Council members Bemenderfer, Carlson, Hallquist, Weseloh and Mayor Hungerford (5)
Absent: None (0)

The purpose of the meeting was to gather public input in regard to the 2018 General Fund Levy and Budget.

Clerk Boese provided a power point presentation on the proposed 2018 general fund budget and levy. The proposed general fund levy increase is 4% plus a \$10,000 increase in the general obligation bond levy. Clerk Boese highlighted the following increases in expenditures for 2018:

1. Sheriff's contract increase of \$4,160
2. CenterPoint Energy rate increases
3. Staff wage increase of 2% and increase cost of insurance benefits

Property owner Tom Sangren questioned why his taxes are increasing every year and his valuation increased \$30,000+ for 2018. The council directed him to discuss the valuation question with the County Assessor.

Property owner Keith Kleven stated he had recently purchased a small strip of land between his home and Spring Lake. He questioned why that small piece was designated non-homestead. He was directed to discuss combining the parcels into 1 Parcel ID with the County Assessor.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by Bemenderfer, seconded by Carlson to approve the 2018 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,027,155 and the 2018 General Fund Tax Levy for taxes payable 2018 as follows:

General Fund	\$537,076
Fire Protection	\$ 46,300
Bonded Indebtedness	<u>\$130,000</u>
Total Levy	\$713,376

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hallquist, seconded by Weseloh to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Ron Hungerford
Mayor

Terri Boese
Clerk/Treasurer