CITY OF MONTELLO

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 30, 2017

6 PM

Meeting called to order at 6 PM by Mayor Doudna

Members Present: Mayor Doudna, Barb Jordan, Ken Streich, Venise Mugler

Others Present: Craig Corning, CPA, Chief Olson, Karlene Utke, Mike Kohnke, Joanna Christian

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSSION ON FEE FOR ORDINANCE CHAPTER 10-13 SPECIAL FEES ON TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTIES.

* Charging tax exempt properties for trash services, Police and Fire protection and road maintenance is already adopted as a city ordinance. The City has never enforced this charge.
* Mayor Doudna stated that there are currently 16 properties that are tax exempt and could be charged for the above services. (this excludes DNR and County properties). He suggested a formula based on average property values:
  + $120 yearly for garbage
  + $120 yearly for Police and Fire Protection
  + $110 yearly for Road maintenance

Ken Streich stated that some businesses have dumpsters that they pay for themselves, so a garbage fee would not be charged.

Barb Jordan asked if information would be sent out to these property owners to educate them on the up-coming proposed fee and or send a letter with the invoice.

The property owners would be charged, not the individual, but the fee could be set per resident, or per number of apartments.

Jordan made a recommendation to send to License and Ordinance Committee to develop a fee schedule for Ordinance Chapter 10-13- Special fees on tax-exempt properties, with a sliding fee based on number of residents/units.

The whole Finance committee agreed with this recommendation.

1. DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2018 BUDGET.

Mayor Doudna said he invited Karlene Utke to this meeting because of her interest in the budget. Doudna asked Utke if she had any questions. Utke questioned the increase in the council pay. Thought there was a rule about giving a raises. The Mayor explained that this increase was actually a meeting stipend for council and citizen members that serve on committees. Utke felt that citizens should volunteer. Mayor explained that it’s very hard to get volunteers. Jordan stated that the County pays a $75 meeting stipend, plus mileage. The city is proposing a $30 stipend, no mileage.

The Mayor asked anyone else if they had questions.

Mayor Doudna stated that the proposed 2018 budget shows a decrease from the 2017 budget of $17,254 and also a decrease in the tax levy of $82,501.

Motion by Streich/Mugler to recommend the forwarding of the proposed 2018 budget to the full council for approval. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked about setting a date and time for the Public Hearing. It will be Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 6 PM.

Motion by Jordan/Streich to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:30 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin