

City Council Proceedings

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City of New Prague



Special City Council Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2013

Mayor Nickolay opened the Truth & Taxation Public Hearing on the City's Proposed 2014 Budget with the following members present: Nickolay, Bartusek, Bruzek, Ryan and Scripture

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Patty Solheid, Bruce Reimers, and Glen Sticha

Mayor Nickolay opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

City Administrator, Mike Johnson provided a brief overview and packet of information on the 2014 Proposed General Fund Budget, the 2014 Debt Service Fund Budget and the City's Proposed 2014 Property Tax Levy. Mr. Johnson reviewed the revenues, expenses, capital outlay budgets and debt service changes. The proposed Property Tax Levy for 2014 is \$3,765,874, a decrease of \$53,374 or 1.4% from 2013. The decrease is primarily due the fact that the market value based referendum levy for the Library was entirely paid off in 2013, a \$60,811 reduction.

In the materials provided by the City Administrator, it touched on the expected savings in 2014 due to the new sales and use tax exemption for cites, the opportunity for public comment and questions, and that the final budget and property tax levy would be adopted at the December 16, 2013 Council meeting.

There was only one individual from the public in attendance and no questions were asked.

The Council chose to have the Utilities General Manager Bruce Reimers provide an overview of the 2014 Electric and Water Budgets. The Utilities Commission is recommending a 2.0% increase in electric rates and a 6.0% increase in water rates for 2014.

The Council also chose to discuss various facets of the General Fund Budget related to 2014 Revenues, LGA, Tax Capacity, spending, reviewed tax rates from other jurisdictions, and talked about closing out the Mala Strana TIF District No. 7-1 which could add to additional tax capacity and lower the 2014 tax rate even further than what was preliminarily proposed.

There being no additional agenda items, it was the consensus of the Council to close the hearing and to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Charles L. Nickolay
Mayor, City of New Prague

ATTEST:

Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator