

**CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH
16455 20th STREET SOUTH
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

December 21, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom McCarthy, Charles Brown, Cindie Reiter, Jim Unker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Kline

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Schuler, Amy Truhlar

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Ashby

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor McCarthy at 6:03 p.m.

2016 BUDGET Agenda Item 2

City Clerk-Administrator Susan Schuler pointed out that historically, the city has under-budgeted for the City Attorney and the City Engineer. Therefore, the budgeted amounts for 2016 are higher than previous years, and she suggested keeping them higher. It was noted that attorney time on the Afton Septic System was not planned and not budgeted, so this helped to increase the fees for 2015. There were also several court cases requiring time from the attorney. However, going back several years, city attorney fees were higher than budgeted. Engineering work for the levees and restoration sites #1 and #2 were a major cause of engineering fees in 2015. It was noted that a portion of the restoration work will be reimbursed by a grant the city was awarded. In 2016, there will be major street maintenance, which will increase engineering fees. Even with these budget increases, the proposed levy is at 0% increase.

The budget will be \$606,846. The levy will be \$472,519.

ADJOURNMENT Agenda Item 3

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER UNKER, TO ADJOURN THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION AT 6:35 P.M. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (KLINE).

Thomas McCarthy, Mayor

Susan Schuler, City Clerk-Administrator