

**CITY OF NISSWA
MINUTES – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018
6:00 P.M. – CITY HALL**

A special meeting of the Nisswa City Council was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Members Present: Heidmann, Jacobson, Johnson, Krautkremer, and Ryan.

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Staff Jenny Max, Tom Blomer, Donna Caron; Nancy Vogt from the Echo.

- A. Call to Order** - Mayor Heidmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to set the maximum preliminary 2019 levy that must be certified to the County by September 30, 2018.
- B. Memo from Jenny Max re: Request Approval of Preliminary 2018 Pay 2019 Levy** - Mayor Heidmann turned the discussion over to the City Administrator, Jenny Max. Max provided an overview of the preliminary budget. The proposed 2019 budget summary reflects a balanced budget at \$2,929,721 which represents a 13.12% increase (\$282,819) over 2018. Max reviewed the larger budget items and requests that are contributing to the proposed budget/levy increase. Two items (wage increases and debt service) are non-negotiable items while the remaining items allow for further discussion and prioritization. Max stated her recommendation for 2019 is to set a Preliminary Levy maximum amount of \$2,348,916, a 9% levy increase over 2018.

The Council asked various questions about the larger budget items presented, provided additional suggestions for increasing revenue, and expressed their preferences for specific budget line items. Mayor Heidmann requested each council member to meet individually with Max within the next week to provide specific input and feedback. Max will process the Council information and report back to the Council within the next 2-3 weeks with a proposed direction and budget plan.

Council members agreed to set a maximum of a 9% levy increase for 2019 that was recommended by Max (to be approved at the September 19 regular Council meeting), but expressed their preference to keep the increase as low as possible considering the county and schools are also proposing increases.

- C. Adjourn** – Motion by Krautkremer, seconded by Ryan to adjourn the special Council meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Fred Heidmann, Mayor

Jenny Max, City Administrator/Clerk