

41425CITY OF NISSWA
MINUTES – PUBLIC INFORMATION/TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

A public information/truth in taxation meeting of the Nisswa City Council was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Staff Jenny Max, Donna Caron, Tom Blomer; Nancy Vogt from the Echo; Hoff-Council Member Elect

There was one person in the audience.

Call to Order – Mayor Heidmann called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and stated the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2019 property tax levy for the City of Nisswa as required by state statute; open the meeting to public comment and input, and to adopt the final levy option at the regular council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Review of Proposed 2019 Budget and 2018 Pay 2019 Levy – Max presented a high-level, broad overview of the budget process and the two proposed final levy options. There was no public comment. Jacobson stated his preference to reduce the levy an additional 1% from Levy Option 2 (with a 6.99% levy increase.) The \$37,000 cost to accomplish this levy reduction would be withdrawn from reserves. Heidmann stated he would be open to this recommendation. Council discussed a variety of options to pay for the requested Recreation & Parks new/used truck that could possibly result in a lower budget/lower levy. Krautkremer stated his preference for Levy Option 1, a balanced budget with a levy increase of 8.71%. Max reported Levy Option 1 is her recommendation. Ryan also supported adopting Levy Option 1, stating the tax impact on residents between the proposed options is negligible and reflects the true cost of doing business and providing services. Ryan expressed his preference to keep reserve funds as savings to offset future projects and unknown expenses not included in the budget. Johnson agreed with Levy Option 1 and to keep reserve funds available for unexpected events and expenses. Jacobson’s position to use reserve funds to further reduce the proposed levy increase remained unchanged.

Adjourn – Motion by Jacobson and seconded by Krautkremer to close the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.. Motion carried.

Fred Heidmann, Mayor

Jenny Max, City Administrator/Clerk