

**CITY OF NISSWA
MINUTES – COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020 – 5:00 PM
NISSWA CITY HALL**

The Budget Workshop of the Nisswa City Council was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall and was available on YouTube Live.

Members present: Hoff, Jacobson, Ryan, Johnson (arrived at 5:09), Heidmann (arrived at 5:12).

Members absent: none.

Also, present: City staff - Jenny Max, Jon Stainbrook, Maggi Wentler.

Audience members: 1.

- A. Call to Order** – Don Jacobson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- B. Recycling Center Discussion** – Jenny Max provided information regarding the Recycling Center options. Max gave the status of what the County has done in regards to eliminating recycling options in the County. The County is eliminating the majority of recycling centers. The recycling center in Nisswa will be eliminated unless the City of Nisswa decides to keep it open themselves. The Council discussed possible budgetary options for running a recycling center and requested Max to ask for public opinions regarding the recycling center.
- C. 2021 Budget Discussion** – Max presented a working draft of the budget and showed a budget increase of 2.33% and the Levy increase of 5.39%. Max stated that at the next budgetary meeting she will have information showing the dollar amount residents taxes will go up with each percent of levy increase made. The Council discussed the budgetary information and expressed their desire to keep the budget and levy as low as possible. Nisswa resident Bob Fier shared an idea that each department present options for what could be cut from their budgets, and inform the council and public regarding what ramifications would appear as a result of those cuts. The City Council discussed options for lowering the levy. Max stated based on the Council’s feedback she will include two preliminary levy options at 5.00% and 3.00% for the Council’s consideration at the September meeting.
- D. Adjourn** – There being no further business, Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Ryan at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Heidmann, Mayor

Jenny Max, City Administrator