

North Branch City Council

Work Session

Date of Meeting: July 16, 2015
Present: Councilmembers Kathy Blomquist, Joyce Borchardt, Robert Canada,
and Kirsten Hagen-Kennedy.
Absent: Councilmember Theresa Furman
Also Present: City Administrator Konrad, Finance Director Hill and Public Works
Director Williams.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Budget Overview – Public Works

Hagen-Kennedy reminded everyone that this Saturday is the 11th Annual Pedal with Public Safety event.

Konrad provided an explanation of the budget process for Council and those in attendance. Hill provided a presentation. Williams reviewed the public works items in the budget with Council. Williams noted he would like to get street overlay and seal coat budgets back to the levels they were but strides are being made. Borchardt asked about state aid streets. Williams indicated that staff has discussed breaking it into two years but it may take three years. Blomquist would like to get street mill and overlay with any extra money. Williams reviewed the culture and recreation budget noting it is exactly the same as last year. Williams outlined the wastewater fund. Williams reviewed the stormwater budget. Blomquist said she has raised the issue of using funds from this fund to hire a person to help with the tasks required. Williams indicated he is considering a half time person or summer position to help stay on top of the requirements. Borchardt asked for update on paying funds back. Hill explained the agreed upon plan that addresses County loan as well. Hagen-Kennedy said she believes it is responsible to proceed the way staff has laid things out. Blomquist agreed she was fine with paying off the Olson Trust debt. Canada said he believes it is good to do for the overall health of the City's funds.

Motion by Canada to adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bridgitte Konrad, City Administrator
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