

Minutes
Hoyt Lakes Truth in Taxation Meeting
Council Chambers
Monday, November 27, 2023
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Grams, Councilors Kramar, Beauregard, Scott

ABSENT: Mayor Zins

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Lammi, City Attorney Brunfelt, Public Utilities Director Berndt, Public Works Director Snetsinger, EMS Director Olmstead, ERPD Chief Soular.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Grams at 6:09 p.m.

A presentation was given by Administrator Lammi on Truth in Taxation.

Several residents asked questions at the podium, including:

Patti Rogge – 210 Pospeck Lane: asked if what Dan Darbo said was not going to be listened to. Mitzy Moe – 321 Fairfax Road: asked what has been done to decrease costs. Dan Darbo – 310 Kent Road: Had questions regarding increase property taxes. Shelly Harder – 224 Brandon Road: Had questions regarding how property taxes worked. Diane Haoudek – 314 Dorchester Drive: Questioned why homestead went down. Dan Popp – 307 Elmwood: Asked about financial reports for past months and why ambulance was singled out as losing money. Bob Ross – 107 Yorkshire Road: Asked what are operational revenue vs. expenses for golf course and arena. Diane Fondie – 208 Wyandotte Road: Asked when the East Mesabi Sanitation contracts up?


Numerous other members of the public spoke without providing their name or address as required by the City Council's public comment procedure.

City Administrator Lammi explained that St. Louis County set the valuation of each property; a meeting is held each spring if someone wishes to contest their property valuation. Homestead credits are set by the state. The City requests a set amount from the County to be collected from all property tax holders in the City, and the county calculates individual tax burden based on valuation and other factors, including classification. Discussion took place regarding individual departmental budgets and individual property taxes. Enterprise Funds were discussed at length, despite not being a part of the Truth in Taxation meeting requirement.

ADJOURN

Moved by Kramar supported by Scott to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Cherie Grams, Vice Mayor



Becky Lammi, City Administrator