

Pipestone, Minnesota
December 16, 2009

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in the Municipal Building at 1:00 p.m. on the 16th day of December 2009. Mayor Laurie Ness called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Members present: Laurie Ness, Jim Stout, Harry Hansen and Fred Portz. Excused: Barbara Heyl. Absent: None. Others present: Deb Fitzgerald, Museum Director Susan Hoskins, Library Director Stephanie Hall, City Administrator/City Attorney Jeffrey Jones and City Clerk Joan Schroeder.

Mayor Ness announced the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the 2010 Fiscal Year Budget and the bonds for the Pipestone Street Improvements Project 2009.

2009 BOND

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones explained that the \$380,000 bond for the Pipestone Street Improvement Project 2009 did not occur as planned because Kennedy and Graven were under the assumption that the first payment would be levied for. At the time the preliminary budget was set, funding for the 2009 Street Improvement Project had not been approved. The preliminary budget can only be lower but not increased at this time.

First Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Pipestone, has purchased the \$380,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2009C and has agreed to allow the City to pay only the interest amount for the year 2010 until the principal payment can be levied for in 2011. Resolution 2009-36 approves the sale and payment arrangement of the bond.

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Portz and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2009-36: AMENDED AND RESTATED RESOLUTION AWARDED THE SALE OF \$380,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2009C FIXING THEIR FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS; DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT.

2010 BUDGET

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones noted the Truth in Taxation Meeting was held December 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and no public input was received. He added that a budget reduction of \$35,000 still needs to be found. The City is levying for the Local Government Aid reductions from 2008 and 2009, without this, our 2010 levy would have actually been lower than 2009.

Suggestions put before the Council were: eliminate \$25,000 (or reduce) set aside for new fire truck; reduce Library subsidy to \$74,000 (currently budgeted for \$84,000); and/or levy for \$35,000 in 2010 – payable in 2011.

Discussion followed on where to make possible budget reductions.

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Hansen and unanimously carried to leave the budgeted set asides alone and levy for the \$35,000 in 2010.

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones reminded the Council that the final levy will be adopted at the December 21st regular meeting.

Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

Laurie K Ness
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan Schroeder
City Clerk