

**SANDSTONE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING - WORK SESSION  
November 20, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:15 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Spartz, Palmer, Franklin, Kester, Devlin

Members absent: None

Staff present: Administrator George

**SPECIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

2018 Budget / Levy

Council and Staff reviewed the 2018 Budget / Levy. The Administrator proposed several adjustments to the budget that would result in a 1% levy increase, rather than the 7.16% increase that was approved for the Preliminary Levy in September.

Staff will look into the possibility of adjusting the budget to allow for a \$25 stipend to be paid to all Commission Members for meetings attended (Park & Rec Commission, Planning Commission, EDA).

The Council would like to schedule a meeting with Township representatives in early January to discuss the Fire Department budget.

The Truth in Taxation Meeting regarding the Final 2018 Budget / Levy will take place at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. The Administrator will give a presentation. The Final 2018 Budget / Levy will be adopted at the December 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Fee Schedule

Council and Staff reviewed the City's Fee Schedule, also comparing it to the Fee Schedules of Pine City, Hinckley, Lindstrom and Aitkin. Staff will follow up on several items and prepare a proposed Fee Schedule for Council consideration at a future Council Meeting.

Draft Comprehensive Plan

Council and Staff discussed the latest draft of the Comprehensive Plan; specifically, the Future Land Use map. Council Members were not in favor of using the term "Medical/Business Park" for the new Industrial Park. They would also like some changes to the text describing the Industrial Park. Council Members were not in favor of having such large portions of town designated as "Open Space / Productive Lands". Staff will follow up on the noted concerns and make changes as appropriate. The Comprehensive Plan will then be put on the Council Agenda for adoption.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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Peter Spartz, Mayor

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Kathy George, Administrator