

## **Ely City Council Public Hearing, December 6, 2011**

The Ely City Council Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Skraba at 7:37 p.m. on December 6, 2011 at the Ely Senior Center.

PRESENT: Council members Debeltz, Nikkola, Omerza, Salerno, Sheddy, Zupec and Mayor Skraba (6)

ABSENT: Salerno (1)

Mayor Skraba stated the intent of the public hearing was to gather public input on the City of Ely's 2012 proposed tax levy. He emphasized that taxes allow the city to offer many services to the residents, such as: fire protection, clean streets and parks, ambulance services, library, etc. It was noted that St. Louis County had appraised all residential properties within the city this year. Skraba stated the council would stay as long as it took to hear everyone who wished to come forward with their concerns.

Clerk Boese gave a brief slide presentation along with spreadsheets and charts to help explain the numbers within the budget.

The following tax payers voiced their concerns regarding the proposed tax levy increase: Todd Larson; Geraldine Koschak; Ross Petersen; John Fossum; Chuck Novak; Andy Luthens; Myron Tinklenberg; Bob Benito; Gary Kovall and Dale Anderson.

Council member Zupec stated the City should have at least half if not a full year's budgeted funds in reserves for emergencies. He also suggested another Budget Committee meeting before the December 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

The hearing was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Terri Boese  
Clerk/Treasurer