

Ely City Council Public Hearing Minutes – December 4, 2012

The Ely City Council Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Skraba at 6:00 p.m. on December 4, 2012 at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Council members Debeltz, Nikkola, Omerza, Polyner, Sheddy, Zupec and Mayor Skraba (7)

ABSENT: None

The purpose of this Truth-in-Taxation public hearing is to allow Ely city residents to express their opinions on the city's budget and property tax levy it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the City will provide in 2013.

Clerk Langowski gave a presentation explaining the 2013 Budget & Property Tax Levy and the proposed changes from 2012. In summary, the total 2013 city tax proposed is \$1,653,900 which is a city wide increase of \$13,100 or 0.80% over 2012. The taxable market value for 2013 grew \$198,800 over 2012. The proposed levy increase of \$13,100 equals a city tax rate increase of 0.929% for 2013.

<p>2013 proposed budget revenues by type are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Property Taxes – 33.2%▪ Local Government Aid – 34.4%▪ Taconite Aid – 5.6%▪ Airport Sale of Fuel – 5.2%▪ Rents – 5.1%▪ Streets & Infrastructure – 2.5%▪ Franchise Fees – 2.0%▪ Grants & Aids 7.7%▪ Other – 4.3%	<p>2013 proposed budget expenditures by category are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Employee Salaries – 32.3%▪ Employee Benefits – 15.5%▪ Contracted wages – 5.0%▪ Operating - 30.8%▪ Debt service – 5.0%▪ Capital – 11.4%
<p>2013 proposed budget expenditures supported by levy by function are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ General Government – 16.9%▪ Public Safety – 21.6%▪ Public Works – 24.2%▪ Culture & Recreation – 8.0%▪ Economic Development – 4.1%▪ Airport – 7.9%▪ Other – 0.8%▪ Debt Service – 5.1%▪ Capital Outlay – 11.4%	

No one from the public came forward to speak.

Mayor Skraba closed the public hearing at 6:25 pm.

Claire Huisman
Deputy Clerk