

**MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2017 HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AT 204 SOUTH BLOOMINGTON STREET AT 1:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Scot W. Wrighton, City Manager, Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, Patricia Henderson, City Clerk, Wes Levy, City of Streator CFO, Kurt Pastirik Police Chief.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Toni Pettit, spoke on behalf of the Neighborhood Watch group. They are concerned about the number of solicitors visiting homes in Streator for alternative energy companies and concerned for the elderly living alone. The solicitors are keeping hours later than designated by the guidelines. Dawn to dusk are the designated times for soliciting. Scot Wrighton, asked if this is something the Council would like to revisit in a study session?

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. PRELIMINARY 2018 TAX LEVY**

City Manager, Scot Wrighton, presented this item to the council and distributed a preliminary report on the property tax levy for 2017 taxes payable in 2018. This report reflected the city position taken by the governing body over the last three years that taxes should be decreased or remain level. Final action will be taken at the December 2017 City Council meeting.

**2. STRATEGIES PROPOSED FOR REDUCING LONG-TERM EMPLOYEE COSTS**

Wrighton presented a worksheet to the council to produce discussion regarding options the city can use to reduce personnel costs and post-employment benefits. He explained that 75% of our budget goes to employee costs. Two areas the Council needs to focus on are 1) controlling the increasing employee costs, and 2) identifying non-tax revenues that can support municipal service costs. Options will continue to be discussed at upcoming study sessions as solutions must be found to address this ongoing problem.

**3. CONTINUATION OF 2018 BUDGET REVIEW**

Wes Levy, CFO, presented the 2018 budget to the Council. Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, presented the Community Development budget to the Council. Chief of Police, Kurt Pastirik, presented the 2018 Police Department to the Council. Larry Hake, Public Works Director, presented the 2018 budget for Public Works to the Council. Eric Isermann, IT Manager/Golf Course Manager, presented the Anderson Fields budget to the Council. Mayor Lansford suggested that we consider doing a 5-year plan for Anderson Fields Golf Course.

With no further items for discussion, Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Scarbeary.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**TIME:** 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia L. Henderson, City Clerk