

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
WORKING SESSION
DECEMBER 18, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Champa called the City Council Working Session to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Tracy Campbell, April Fountain, Adam Lantz, Travis Vake, Jim Varda, and Mayor John Champa

Absent: None

Also Present: Administrator William Manney, Deputy Clerk Eileen Zah, Building Official Mandy Galli, Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson, Fire Chief Bob Brown, Police Chief Vern Manner, Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad and Administrative Assistant Margaret Gornick

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON 2020 LEVY

The proposed levy for 2020 was discussed. The initial proposed levy was for 20%.

- Councilor Campbell did not want to go over 10% which would put the budget for 2020 over by approximately \$500,000.
- Councilor Lantz would go with 10%, 15% or 20%.
- Councilor Vake was initially against the 20% levy but after Deputy Clerk Zah's and Administrator Manney's presentation on the levy, he feels 20% would be ok.
- Councilor Fountain suggested 15%.
- Councilor Varda would like the levy set at 10%.

There are approximately 2,000 households in Chisholm and the proposed 10% increase of \$164,811 is spread throughout households and businesses.

Administrator Manney said, to put things in perspective, percentages can be deceiving. He talked about what other entities such as the school and St. Louis County levies are at and how and how they can afford to reduce their levy's. He feels the State and Federal Government need to fund Infrastructure Projects. Consultant Engineer Jim Johnson said it costs approximately \$250,000 per block to fund Infrastructure Projects.

After discussion took place, the Council felt a 10% levy was appropriate and they will set the final tax levy at the Council meeting scheduled for December 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN WORKING SESSION

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Fountain to adjourn the Working Session meeting at 5:18 p.m.
Voting Aye: All Motion Carried

/s/ John A. Champa
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ William Manney
City Clerk- Treasurer/Administrator