

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL  
TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING  
DECEMBER 02, 2008**

Mayor Wimmer called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Mayor George Wimmer, Council Members Alan Duff, and Jeffery Kolb. Council Member Sue Larson arrived at 6:03 p.m..

Members absent: Council Member Ralph Johnson.

Others present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer, Finance Director Kristi Smith, Community Development Director Carla Vita, Police Chief Ron Sager, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf.

**D. Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing**

Mayor Wimmer opened the Truth-in-Taxation public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

**1. Presentation of Proposed 2009 Budget**

Finance Director Smith reviewed the proposed 2009 Budget. Changes from the Amended 2008 to the 2009 proposed expenditures were the elimination of the Administrative Assistant position in the amount of \$56,000; an increase in Attorney Professional Services increased to \$79,225 for the proposed 2009 budget from the Amended 2008 budget amount of \$57,267; the elimination of the Police Department part-time clerical position in the amount of \$17,208 and an increase in Street Maintenance for sealcoating in the amount of \$118,000 and cracksealing in the amount of \$7,000. Total proposed 2009 expenditures are \$3,407,479; an increase of 3.3% of the Amended 2008 Budget.

The following charts and graphs were reviewed:

- General Fund Expenditures from year 2004 through the proposed expenditures for year 2009
- 2009 Revenue Sources
- Pay 2008 Taxable Market Valuation Percentages
- City of Isanti Tax Rates
- City of Isanti Tax Levy and Tax Capacity
- Schedule of Proposed Property Taxes for 2008 and 2009 based on the Market Value of the property.

There was brief discussion on what goal Council was establishing for a tax rate and the Mayor stated that his goal was 55%. The proposed 2009 budget provides for a 55.51%

tax rate; down from 59.91% in 2008.

Kolb questioned if the budget included the transfer of \$17,000 from the Technology Fund. Staff stated they will review the budget and report back to Council if the transfer was made.

Lorsung stated the City had received the final tax capacity amount from the County and it came in at \$4,162,681; an increase from the amount estimated in the amount of \$4,070,213 that was used when preparing the 2009 proposed budget. The increase in tax capacity will cause the tax rate to go down to 54.28%.

There was no public present. Mayor Wimmer announced there will not be a continuation of this hearing. The 2009 Budget and final levy will be adopted at the December 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Hearing no further comment the Public Hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Duff, second by Larson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene J. Bauer  
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk