

The **COMMON COUNCIL** of the City of Tomah met in **SPECIAL SESSION December 4, 2017** at 5:00 p.m. with Council President Mike Murray presiding.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Mary Ann Komiskey, Luke Bohlen, Pam Buchda, Travis Scholze, Mike Murray, Wayne Kling and Larry Siekert present. Absent: Mayor Nellie Pater and Lamont Kiefer. Also in attendance: City Administrator Roger Gorius, Asst. City Attorney Penny Precour-Berry, and City Clerk JoAnn Cram. Gregg Hagen videotaped the meeting.

Public Hearing: 2018 Budget – Questions or Comments/Discussion of Carryover. Council President Murray opened the public hearing at 5:01 p.m. regarding the 2018 Budget for the City of Tomah. The resolution submitted proposes a city property tax levy of \$5,153,442 which is \$7.90 per \$1,000 of valuation. This compares to \$5,108,214 in 2017 and a tax levy of \$8.51. The expenditure restraint cap came in at 3.3%. Capital expenditures include the purchase of 3 new trucks, extension of the City walking trails, excavation and paving at Recreation Park, splash pad for the Aquatic Center, Fire Dept. turn out gear, new salt shed building, and 1 drone purchase to share between fire, police and public works departments. Gas and electric costs are increasing, debt service costs decreased with debt pay off in 2017, capital improvement and TIF related projects are included in the expenditures, and a small contribution of \$7500 to the S.M.R.T. bus was added. In November a resolution authorizing a change in the wages for the Tomah Fire Chief position was presented changing the wage from \$24,915 to \$50,467. It is requested that the difference in the amount of that wage representing an increase of \$29,730 including benefits be transferred in the 2018 proposed budget from Public Safety to General Government until such time as the wage increase is presented to the Police and Fire Commission for consideration and recommendation to the Council. In preparing the budget, it is the goal to keep the levy as low as possible and still provide services in the City. Assessed valuation goes to \$652,619,450 which is an increase of \$52,115,865 or 8.7%.

Resolution Adopting the 2018 Budget and Establishing the Tax Rate

Motion by Bohlen, second by Kling to adopt **Resolution No. 2017-12-04-51** Adopting the 2018 Budget and Establishing the Tax Rate for the City of Tomah with a levy of \$5,153,442 or \$7.90 per \$1,000 of assessed value transferring \$29,730 from Public Safety to General Government until such time as the wage increase for the Fire Chief is presented to the Police and Fire Commission for consideration and recommendation to the Council. Motion passed without negative vote.

Adjourn. Motion by Scholze, second by Siekert to adjourn. Motion passed without negative vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Approved: Nellie Pater, Mayor

Attest: JoAnn M. Cram, City Clerk
To Be Approved 12/12/2017