

Melbourne City Council
Budget Meeting @ City Hall
January 22, 2017

Melbourne City Council met in a special budget session on January 22, 2017 at the Melbourne City Hall. Council members present were C. White, Juel, Bunting, Gibbs and Stahl. Also present were Mayor John White and Mary Pothast. Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by C. White with 2nd by Stahl to approve the Agenda.

Clerk went over the projected figures for payroll and related items for the 18/19 budget. The Iowa League of Cities said that a lot of police chiefs are paid on salary, so we should have no problem paying Chief Ball salary instead of hourly. The budget increase for employee benefits—the city's portion of FICA and IPERS was discussed. There had been a surplus there in years past, making the levy rate artificially low, and last year there was still a remaining balance. This year it will have to be fully funded again by levy. The budget expense estimate for 18/19 is \$861,274 with estimated revenues equaling \$909,539. The total property tax levy rate will 11.52463. Current year was 11.26705. Council ok'd clerk to go ahead and complete the official budget form to present at the February 5 meeting at 7:00pm at the Library basement as the regular meeting for February. Motion made by Stahl with 2nd by C. White to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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