

North Branch City Council

Work Session

Date of Meeting: September 3, 2015

Present: Councilmembers: Theresa Furman, Kathy Blomquist, Joyce Borchardt, Robert Canada, and Kirsten Hagen-Kennedy.

Also Present: City Administrator Konrad and Finance Director Hill

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. 2016 Budget & Levy

Hill reviewed the budget discussions to date. Konrad asked for Council direction on outstanding budget items. Hagen-Kennedy asked Council to discuss Council pay cuts. Furman would like to look into using forfeiture funds for police equipment. Blomquist said she feels 4% is an arbitrary number and she asked staff about the difference between a 5.4% and 4% increase being used for roads. Blomquist said that the roads just keep getting worse and worse. Blomquist said that the City could spend \$58,000 on roads for seal coating. After further discussion, there was consensus to go with 4%. Staff will prepare the necessary documents for adoption at an upcoming Council meeting.

Adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgitte Konrad, City Administrator
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