

**** SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING ****

LE CENTER CITY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013 @ 6:00 PM AT CITY HALL

- MINUTES -

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, B.Emmers, C.Harmeyer, G.Meidlinger, D.Woelfel

Absent: None

Staff: Chris Collins, Curt Roemhildt, Bob Pfarr, Mike Nelson

II. 2014 LEVY AND BUDGET DISCUSSION

Discussed with Chief Pfarr the need for a new laptop computer for the squad car and how to pay for it. Would have to raise the levy amount being considered if wait to pay pay for it in 2014. Motion by Fredrickson, Seconded by Emmers, to pay the \$5,500.00 cost of the police laptop computer out of the 2013 Capital Improvement Account which has approx. \$18,000.00 left in it. Approved unanimously. Pfarr stated he had enough other money left in his 2013 budget to purchase the new desktop computer needed.

Councilman Emmers was concerned that since we pay for the \$24,700.00 costs to issue the "Tax Anticipation Certificates" upfront in 2014; should we be budgeting for them? Or will levy limits prevent us from paying them in 2015 when the certifacates become due? Administrator Collins stated that levy limits were only authorized for 2014 by the legislature for cities between 2500-5000; so we should not have to budget them in.

NOTE: The general public had been allowed to speak their concerns on the levy & budget at the Dec. 10 final public comment meeting (public hearing).

III. APPROVE 2014 NET TAX LEVY AND FINAL BUDGET

After all discussion ended; Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt the 2014 Net Tax Levy at 8.63% and adopt the 2014 Final Budget at \$3,343,101.00.

Approved by 4-1 vote, Councilman Meidlinger voting No.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Emmers, Seconded by Harmeyer, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the Special Meeting. Approved unanimously. 6:30 pm