

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016 – 5:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

Mayor Kupsik called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kupsik.

**Roll Call.** Present: Mayor Kupsik, Aldermen Chappell, Skates, Kordus, Flower, Gelting, Horne, Hedlund, Howell.  
Also Present: City Attorney Draper, City Administrator Oborn, Comptroller Pollitt and City Clerk Waswo.

**Public hearing and adoption of the 2017 operating and capital budget for the City of Lake Geneva**

Mayor Kupsik opened the Public Hearing. No one wished to comment during the public hearing.  
Kordus/Flower motion to close the Public Hearing. Unanimously carried.

**Resolution 16-R51, a resolution approving and adopting the 2017 operating and capital budgets for the City of Lake Geneva.** City Administrator Oborn recommended approving Option 2 with the corresponding resolutions.

Option 2 keeps the mill rate at what was published. As the assessed value went up, it captures an additional \$40,000 keeping the contingency at an optimal level. He noted last year's mill rate was at 6.04. If we dropped it, it could add \$150,000 which he doesn't think is needed. It is difficult to increase once it has been dropped. Comptroller Pollitt said on a \$200,000 home in Lake Geneva, and the difference between Option 1 and Option 2 is \$8.00 with Option 2 being more.

Ald. Chappell questioned how dropping the mill rate balances the budget. Ms. Pollitt stated at the last budget meeting when it was voted upon to publish the budget, it was balanced. Mr. Oborn explained our assessed value went up to create another \$40,000 to keep the increment at the rate we published. He clarified these are actual numbers; prior to this it was forecasted. Mayor Kupsik noted they did not have to increase parking or any revenue.

Capital and the levy were discussed. Mr. Oborn explained in December they will present a list of purchases with the biggest part being roads. The Council will have to decide if they want to borrow or not. The debt service will not be in this budget cycle; it will be in the 2018 budget cycle. The current budget debt service is from borrowing done 3 years ago. Ald. Kordus noted parking will be discussed at the December Committee of the Whole meeting.

Kordus/Horne motion to approve and adopt Option 2 for the budget for the City of Lake Geneva.

Ms. Pollitt stated they do not qualify for the expenditure restraint program. Everything is finalized now. She also received the levies from the schools, county and state. If you do approve Option 2, it is a 5.2% mill rate decrease for all of the taxing jurisdictions.

Roll Call: Chappell, Kordus, Skates, Flower, Gelting, Horne, Hedlund, Howell voting "yes." Unanimously carried.

**Resolution 16-R52, a resolution approving the 2016 tax levy for the City of Lake Geneva**

Mr. Oborn stated the corresponding Option 2 would be the resolution you would pass. It already has the City rate in there with Option 2. The total mill rate last year was 22.38 and this year is 21.28.

Kordus/Horne motion to approve and adopt Resolution 16-R52 Option 2.

Alderman Flower noted under the tax base, the numbers are all the same for the state, county and city. Ms. Pollitt stated yes, the difference is the two schools because the elementary school is split between joint 1 and joint 4.

Roll Call: Chappell, Kordus, Skates, Flower, Gelting, Horne, Hedlund, Howell voting "yes." Unanimously carried.

**Adjournment.** Kordus/Hedlund motion to adjourn at 5:45pm. Unanimously carried.

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/s/ Sabrina Waswo, City Clerk

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