

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 30, 2005**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Don Orrock called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Council Members present: Chuck Heitz, Lori Kampa, Duane Langsdorf, Patricia May, and Don Orrock. Also present: City Administrator Patrick Wussow, Assistant City Administrator Scott Johnson, Finance Director Corey Boyer, and City Clerk Gina Wolbeck.

**4. PROPOSED AGENDA**

Council Member Kampa motioned to adopt the proposed Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Langsdorf, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

**5. BUSINESS**

**5A. TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING**

Finance Director Corey Boyer gave a presentation on the proposed 2006 General Fund Budget. Mr. Boyer reviewed expenditures and identified tax rate comparisons.

Mayor Orrock opened the Truth in Taxation hearing at 6:13 p.m.

John Lahti; 100 Eagle Lake Road North – Questioned why his taxes have increased substantially over the last few years and also asked for clarification on the Tax Increment Tax line on his property tax statement.

Mr. Boyer reviewed the Tax Increment Tax calculations used by Sherburne County and how they affect the total amount of taxes due.

Richard Backlund; Audio Communications – Questioned the increase in his commercial property taxes and stated that he feels the Police Department budget is too high.

Mr. Boyer reviewed Mr. Backlund's property tax statement and identified that the Tax Capacity Rate increased from 1.5% to 2.0% on Mr. Backlund's property tax statement.

Mayor Orrock closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Council Member Langsdorf motioned to direct staff to proceed with the budget and to provide detailed budget information at the December 14, 2005 Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Kampa, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

**6. ADJOURN**

Council Member Langsdorf motioned to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Heitz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Gina Wolbeck  
Clerk

Date Approved By Council 12/14/05