

BABBITT CITY COUNCIL
TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
December 5, 2011

The Truth in Taxation Hearing was called to order this date at 6 p.m. by Mayor Anderson.

Present for roll call were Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson.
None were absent.

Also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad and City Attorney Brunfelt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Residents Don Negley and Don Lindstrom were present for clarification of their tax statements.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-20
ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF BABBITT 2012 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
AND THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY
FOR 2011, COLLECTIBLE IN 2012

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Babbitt that the following 2012 budget amounts be set for the appropriate commission, department and fund:

Government	170,647
Administration	165,181
Council	37,191
Assessor	29,839
Planning & Zoning	2,985
Police	412,106
Fire	102,882
Street	261,749
Civil Defense	10,600
Cable Commission	150
Recycling	4,050
Recreation	107,134
Library	110,890
Street Equipment Fund	30,000
Street Capital Improvement Fund	80,000
Police Equipment Fund	15,000
Fire Equipment Fund	30,000

Arena Capital	10,000	
Arena Operating	39,730	
Recreation Equipment Fund	5,000	
Office Equipment Fund	1,000	
Peter Mitchell Celebration	750	
City Beautification	6,830	
City Facilities	117,621	
Permanent Improvement Fund	25,000	
Street Lights & Repair	26,000	
Entrance Sign	300	
Park Lights & Repair	2,100	
Retiree's Insurance	1,080	(reimbursed)
Cemetery	5,000	
TOTAL BUDGET	1,810,815	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed annual Tax Levy for the Year 2011, collectible in 2012, for the City of Babbitt shall be as follows:

General Fund & Net Tax Levy	813,827
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It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to adopt Resolution No. 11-20 Establishing the City of Babbitt 2012 General Fund Budget and the Annual Tax Levy for 2011, Collectible in 2012.

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

The Babbitt Economic Development Authority Public Hearing to discuss the Kasson Building sale was rescheduled for December 19, 2011, at 6 p.m.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to authorize the additions to the agenda as follows:

- a) Pay equity
- b) Arena – Ely High School hockey ice time
- c) Zup's sprinkler system

Motion declared carried.

Police Chief Terry Switajewski announced his plans to retire February 3, 2012. Switajewski recommended the promotion of Chad Loewen to Police Chief; the vacancy will be sent to the Public Safety Committee for their review.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Lassi, to approve the following consent agenda:

- a) Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 21, 2011
- b) Approve all bills and payrolls as audited by the Audit committee with the exception of the Vermilion Trail bill
- c) Overtime report
- d) Correspondence:
 - i. LMCIT 2011-12 coverage changes, rates and dividends
 - ii. St. Louis County Public hearing Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.
 - iii. St. Louis County School Press Release regarding Little Rangers Daycare
 - iv. Iron Range Radio Control (Flying) Club thank you letter.

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to approve the Vermilion Sanitation bill for tipping fees of \$387.98 and contractual services of \$5,466.20.

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, and Mayor Anderson

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

The stop sign contract with St. Louis County will be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee for review.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Marinaro, to authorize signatures on the agreement between the Babbitt Ambulance Service and Ely Area Ambulance Service as recommended by Attorney Brunfelt.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Marinaro, to hire Heather N. Telschow on the Babbitt Ambulance Service as recommended by Ambulance Supervisor Mike Rhein.

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Hoheisel, to accept the resignation from Tim Thiel from the Babbitt Fire Department and direct staff to send him a letter of thanks for his service.

Motion declared carried.

Also, direct a letter of appreciation to Police Chief Switajewski for his service to the community.

Mayor Anderson and Councilor Fitzpatrick thanked the department heads for their reports of accomplishments and will be filed in the respective personnel files.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to approve the 2012 cigarette license applications for Blomberg Oil, C & B Warehouse (dba Babbitt Shortstop), and Zup's Market.

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to adjust the hourly wage for Administrative Assistant Wendy Schlueter (118 points) and Library Director Debby Bocnuk (152 points) to the hourly wage of the Equipment Operator (110 points) effective January 1, 2012.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Fitzpatrick, to charge the Ely skating clubs \$8,000 for the remainder of the season providing they have proof of liability insurance naming the City as additional insured as recommended by Attorney Brunfelt.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Lassi, to set the Arena rates at \$65.00 per hour January 1st through June 30th.

Motion declared carried, opposed by Councilor Hoheisel

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Anderson, to allow the Ely skating clubs first rights of the concession stand proceeds during their rented ice time.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Fitzpatrick, to charge a \$25.00 call-out fee for extra Zamboni requests.

Motion declared carried.

According to the State Fire Code, Zup's would be a Group M (Mercantile) and under Section 903.2.7, any new commercial construction over 12,000 square feet on a single level must have an automatic sprinkler system installed. The IRRRB grant agreement requires the grantee to comply with applicable state guidelines.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Fitzpatrick, that in order to assure that the City is in compliance with the grant, the City requires Zup's to install a sprinkler system in the building pursuant to the State Fire Code.

Motion declared carried.

As information, the Mayor read the figure skating advertisement for *Skating with Santa* on December 17th at the Arena.

Chuck Renner expressed displeasure with his taxes.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Marinaro, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Klegstad, City Clerk-Treasurer

Wendy F. Schlueter, Minute Recorder

Attest:

Glenn A. Anderson, Mayor