



**CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
Monday, March 23rd, 2026
at 4:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL: Councilors Geissler, Hjelle, LeBlanc, Peterson, and Mayor Boucher

CITY STAFF: John Mulder, City Administrator; Kevin Orme, Director of Finance and Administration; David Bolf, City Engineer; Gunnar Johnson, City Attorney

OTHERS: 4 visitors (there was no sign in sheet)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Local Board of Appeals & Equalization Meeting Format: John Mulder discussed the idea of creating time slots for people who want to appear at the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting on April 30th. If the Council was agreeable to that format, we would include that in the notice of the meeting. Residents would be encouraged to talk to the assessor from the County prior to the meeting. If the resident wished to appear in front of the Board, they would be encouraged to sign up for a specific time. Knowing that they have a specific scheduled time could help the resident avoid a long wait time in City Hall.
2. Financial Management Plan: Jeanne Vogt from Ehlers presented the draft Financial Management Plan for the next 10 years. The goals for the meeting were to do an initial review and receive feedback on: Each fund presented, property tax levy impact the next ten years, debt issuance plans, growth and expenditure assumptions, and to begin the development of the proposed 2027 budget. She walked through the various assumptions and other factors that make up the Financial Management plan. She reviewed 13 different City funds. The Council discussed the assumption of 5% growth in the tax base which did not assume any new construction at this time. They also discussed the impact of a 17% increase in the tax levy for 2027 and the effect it had on the tax rate. The general consensus was to try to reduce the levy increase down so that it did not increase the tax rate.

3. Recess to April 6th, 2026 City Council Meeting

Following the discussion, the City Council recessed the meeting at approximately 6:10 until Monday, April 6, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator