

**City of Cologne
Special Council Meeting
November 30, 2015**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special council meeting was held on Monday, November 30, 2015 to discuss budget items for 2016. Mayor Scott Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Councilmembers Jeff McInnis, Carol Szaroletta, Don Meyer and Kyle Evenski were present. City Administrator Jesse Dickson and public works employees Mark Eggers and Damon Klein were also present.

a) Budget Workshop

Jesse Dickson presented the preliminary budget for 2016 as well as the preliminary tax levy as proposed in September. Councilmembers requested a line item break down of the general fund expense budget, as well as comparisons from previous years.

City Administrator Dickson explained the increases in debt service as well as the 2013 refunding bonding that will begin to ease some of the financial burden beginning in 2017.

Councilmembers expressed interest in cutting down the levy raise from 11.9% and suggested cuts from the general fund were discussed to apply to the debt service rather than levy the funds.


City Administrator Dickson suggested committing funds annually via resolution to street reconstruction projects in District 1 and to procure the funds from the budget for what would have been used for milling and overlay projects.

Council instructed City Administrator Dickson to cut an additional \$20,000 from the general fund expense budget and report back at the next regular council meeting.

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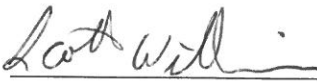
Motion to adjourn by Meyer, seconded by McInnis to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jesse Dickson, City Administrator

ATTEST:



Scott Williams, Mayor