

CARTER LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ron Cumberledge at 6:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor called the roll of the council, present: Jackie Wahl, Jason Gundersen, Pat Paterson, Denise Teeple, and Keebie Kessler.

The public hearing regarding Gundersen moved to

The City Council is conducting this public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City maximum property tax levy. SF634 passed out of the Senate and then the House in April, 2019. The bill established "maximum property tax dollars" which is equal to 102% of last year's revenue for certain levies (listed below). The bill allows cities to exceed the 2% threshold with a 2/3 majority vote of council after notice, public hearing and 20 day wait as laid out in the bill.

Cities are now required to have two public hearings for their annual budget.

This first public hearing is establishing our maximum property tax dollars for our 2020/2021 budget. This includes our regular general levy, liability, property & self-insurance costs, emergency levy, FICA/IPERS, and other employee benefits (insurance costs). What is not included in this hearing is our Debt Service Levy. It will be included when the final budget is approved in March. The Carter Lake City Council will have another public hearing for the final budget which includes the taxes on this first hearing.

This is not a new tax, but a new requirement of the annual budget process. We are simply required to have two public hearings. We are exceeding the 2% threshold because of the release of TIF tax dollars. But Last year's tax levy for these items was \$10.57. This year's proposed Maximum is \$10.41 - a slight decrease. Your City property taxes amount to roughly 1/3 of your total property tax bill. The school's levy and the County's levy are the other two major taxing authorities collecting property taxes.

Gundersen moved to approve resolution to adopt 2020 Police Union Contract, seconded by Wahl; was approved unanimously.

Gundersen moved to approve proposed property tax levy as discussed during the public hearing, seconded by Paterson; was approved unanimously.

Gundersen moved to set public hearing to approve FY2021 City Budget on March 16, 2020 at 7 p.m., seconded by Teeple; was approved unanimously.

Gundersen moved to adjourn, seconded by Teeple; motion was approve unanimously.

Jackie Carl  
Carter Lake City Clerk

Ron Cumberledge  
Mayor