

**City of Moorhead
Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes
December 06, 2010 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on December 06, 2010, at 6:00 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Luther Stueland	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Nancy Otto	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Diane Wray Williams	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Mark Altenburg	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Dan Hunt	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Brenda Elmer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Mark Hintermeyer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Greg Lemke	Present
Mayor:	Mark Voxland	Present

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1. [2010 Truth in Taxation Presentation - 2010 Tax Levy Payable 2011 and the 2011 Operating & Capital Budget](#)

Minutes: Harlyn Ault, Finance Director, provided the "2010 Truth in Taxation Presentation" in accordance with City Budget Policies and Minnesota State Statutes.

No citizens addressed the Mayor and Council.

City staff clarified the following in response to Mayor and Council questions:

- The City's Assessing Department conducts a tabulation of exempt properties once every five years. It is unknown whether the current number of exempt properties is increasing or decreasing in the City of Moorhead.
- According to the Assessing Department, existing property values in the City of Moorhead have changed less than .05%.
- Residents can contact the City Assessing Department if they have questions regarding the current market value of their home.
- The Special Assessment Debt Levy was reduced by \$37,331 following the removal of some community partnership funding allocations.

The Mayor and Council Members noted the following:


- Property taxes cost per day for Moorhead residents (\$1.02) appears reasonable given the number and scope of City services provided.
- The City currently has eight unfilled positions and is at the same staffing level as 2008, but with more roads, infrastructure, and residents. It will be a priority to ensure the City is not understaffed in

future budgets.


- A goal of the City should be to establish collaborative partnerships to provide local government functions.
- Municipalities can anticipate potential cuts to Local Government Aid (LGA) and rising fee rates from the State of Minnesota in 2011.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:



Mark Voxland, Mayor



Jill Wenger, City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jill Wenger, City Clerk