

The COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Tomah met in **SPECIAL SESSION**, November 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor John J. Rusch presiding.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Le Roy Kelsey, Luke Bohlen, Ted Schleicher, Pam Buchda, Nellie Pater, and Matthew Boyea present. Absent: Dennis Greeno and Larry Siekert. Also in attendance: City Admin. Jim Bialecki, Public Works & Utilities Director Ken Patterson, Parks & Recreation Director Joe Protz, City Clerk JoAnn Cram, and City Treasurer Julia Rusch. Gregg Hagen did not videotape the meeting.

Public Hearing – 2012 Budget – Questions or Comments

Mayor Rusch declared the public hearing open at 6:32 p.m. The 2012 budget is proposed to be \$4,350,178 compared to \$4,026,002 for 2011. We are under the state allowable increase. The proposed 2012 mill rate is \$7.57. Since the Budget Workshop, it was requested and approved at the November Council meeting to add the purchase of a Dump Truck in the Public Works Department at a cost of \$130,000 which would come from Fund 8. The cumulative mill rate will be \$7.66 vs. 7.82 last year. There will be a \$16 dollar decrease in taxes on \$100,000 of valuation. The Hollister Avenue debt has been added and the Lake debt has been paid in full. There will still be a savings to the taxpayer and services will continue as in the past. The Statement of Assessment has not been received from the State at this time. The assessed value is an estimate at this time but usually remains stable when final numbers come from the State. No one else wished to address the Council. Mayor Rusch declared the public hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

Resolution Adopting the 2012 Budget and Establishing the Tax Rate.

Motion by Bohlen, second by Buchda to approve the 2012 Budget as presented. Motion passed without negative vote.

Motion by Boyea, second by Kelsey to approve **Resolution No. 2011-11-15-32** Adopting the 2012 Budget and establishing the tax rate at \$4,350,178 with a rate per \$1,000 of assessed value of \$7.57. Motion passed without negative vote.

Motion by Kelsey, second by Schleicher to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Approved: John J. Rusch, Mayor

Attest: JoAnn M. Cram, City Clerk
To be approved 12/13/2011