Members present: Mayor, Brad Ahrenstorff; Councilors Wiens, Hoechst, Cooper, and Schultz.

Staff members present: Taylor Gronau, City Administrator; Mike Maurer, Blue Earth County Sheriff's Department; and Christopher Kennedy, City Attorney.

Call to Order: Mayor Ahrenstorff called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. in order to discuss the 2019 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy.

Administrator Gronau presented the results of the 2019 Budget Priorities Survey. Full results of the survey are available at City Hall upon request.

Administrator Gronau presented an overview of the proposed 2019 General and Debt Service Fund Budgets and Property Tax Levy. Discussion was held concerning the following:

1. A preliminary budget and tax levy needs to be adopted at the September 4, 2018 City Council meeting.
2. The total proposed 2019 budget for both revenues and expenditures is $2,571,433 - a decrease of $1,858 from 2018.
3. The total proposed property tax levy for 2019 is $1,067,528. The breakdown is as follows:
   a. General: $964,246
   b. Debt: $103,282
4. The proposed 2019 property tax levy would decrease by 0.3%.
5. The tax rate would decrease by 1.46%
6. The following projects/equipment purchases are proposed to be funded in 2019:
   a. Printer/copier/scanner/fax machine for City Hall - $15,000
   b. Police squad car replacement and equipment - $55,000
   c. Trench drain repair at the Emergency Services Building - $10,500
   d. Sleep and stay place for on call Ambulance personnel (rent) - $12,000
   e. Ambulance vehicle replacement and equipment - $175,000
   f. Lawn mower replacement (2) - $15,000
   g. Street maintenance and repairs - $147,000
   h. Sidewalk maintenance and repairs - $25,000
   i. Organics recycling program - $2,400
   j. Several parks improvements - Swing set (Lilly Lakes park), Robinson Park dock replacement - $20,000
Administrator Gronau informed those present of the following:

1. The 2019 proposed preliminary budget and tax levy will be presented at the September 4, 2018 City Council Meeting.
2. A public hearing will be held on December 3, 2018 to hear comments concerning the 2019 proposed budget and tax levy.
3. The final 2019 budget and tax levy will be presented for approval on December 17, 2018.

There being no further business the workshop was adjourned.

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Taylor Gronau, City Administrator