

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Heinen at 6:30 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Dave Heinen, and Council Members Jayme Knapp, Shannon Miller, Doug Schmitz and Gary Theisen. Absent: None. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Heidi Stalboerger, and Craig Guggenberger.

DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP'S PROPOSAL REGARDING FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

Mayor Heinen opened the discussion regarding the townships offer of a fire service contract based on calls only. Member Schmitz stated his opposition to the proposal. Council member Schmitz asked where the current contract formula came from and Murphy stated that it is unknown since it has been used for years, Murphy stated that it is similar to the State formula for state fire aid and that might be where it came from.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO DECLINE THE FIRE SERVICE CONTRACT OFFER FROM THE TOWNSHIP. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Discussion continued on what the City would like for a contract. Murphy explained that she has proposed the contract that is endorsed by the League of Minnesota Cities and the Minnesota Association of Townships. This formula would increase the City's share of cost by about 8% and take the City over the 50% amount. She also looked at changing the current formula from a 90/10 split on Market Value and Calls to a 50/50 split and that would put the City at 65%. Although no motion was made, the council did promote discussions with the Townships that would put the City's percentage at the 56-58% level.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO ADJOURN AT 5:47 PM, SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Dave Heinen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator