

**Hastings, Minnesota  
City Council Workshop  
June 18, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a workshop on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Volunteer Room at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

**Members Present:** Mayor Hicks, Councilmembers Braucks, Balsanek, Leifeld, Vaughan, Lund, Folch

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Melanie Mesko Lee  
Administrative Services Director Julie Flaten  
Finance Manger Melanie Lammers  
Senior Accountant Ashley Parker  
Parks & Recreation Director Chris Jenkins

Mayor Hicks called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

Lammers provided a presentation containing timelines, current and historical information on the market value, tax rates, and tax levy and debt levy amounts. Staff provided information on the preliminary proposed increase to the levy making assumptions for cost-of-living adjustments, health insurance, and debt. The desire to negotiate two year contracts with unions was discussed. Council was also provided information on the utility rate increases proposed to take effect July 1, 2018.

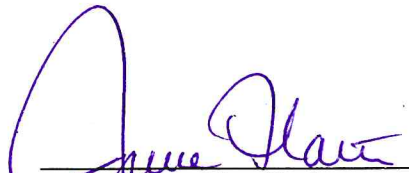
Council discussion on efficiency in capital projects, two-year budgeting, City Hall renovations, current initiatives, utility rate feedback from citizens, and the Vermillion Corridor Study.

The Finance Committee will meet next on August 2 to continue work on the 2019 budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Braucks at 6:30 p.m.

  
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Paul Hicks, Mayor

  
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Julie Flaten, City Clerk