



**200 Center Avenue South
Montrose, Minnesota 55363**

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 5, 2011**

Pursuant to call and notice the Montrose City Council met in special session on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Andy Kauffman, Council Members Ryan Andreae, Scott Czanstkowski and Roy Henry. Council Member Scott Jensen was present via Skype. Also present were Sean Diercks, public works director, Wendy Manson, deputy clerk and Barb Swanson, city administrator.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss 2012 budget and levy.

The city council reviewed the city's investments. At this time they do not want to invest any additional funds in governmental bonds.

Manson reviewed the budget amendments she will present at the December 12 city council meeting. The amendments redistribute funds for expenditures that occurred but were not budgeted for.

The proposed budget and levy were reviewed. There was extended discussion related to the state change in the Market Value Homestead Credit it has been replaced with the Homestead Market Value Exclusion. This change will increase property taxes on most properties. After further discussion Council Member Andreae asked staff to present a levy that is the same as 2011 for council action on December 12th. The city council by consensus supported Andreae's request.

Council Member Jensen left the meeting at 7:45p.m. because of technical difficulties. He was able to listen to the entire meeting however he did not participate after 7:45p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Mayor, Andy Kauffman

Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, Barbara Thwing-Swanson