

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1995
7:00 P.M. - EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER

The City Council held a public information meeting on Monday, November 1, 1995 at the Emergency Services Center. Present at the meeting were Mayor David M. Kolesar, Jane M. Michaud, Charles O. Miller, Raymond P. Smyth, John R. Webster, City Clerk Arlene Buchite, Reporters Jean Paul Hudon and Christine DuFour and 22 residents.

The purpose of the information meeting was to inform the public as to the reasons for the large levy increase for 1996 and 1997. Mayor Kolesar stated that the Council had made more cuts to the September 15th proposed levy and the amount is \$200,000 less than was originally projected. The levy for 1996, with the cuts, will be approximately \$699,340.

Each department's budget for the years 1989 through 1997 were shown in number and graph format. One of the reasons for the increase was the need to make up for previous years when there had been no increase in the levy. The City portion of the property taxes will increase from 11% in 1995 to 14.8% in 1996.

The annual dividend which the City receives from the Telephone Company will not be put into the general fund, as has been previously done, but will be put into a Capital Savings Fund for long range planning projects. Senior housing, medical facilities and central sewer were some that were mentioned. The City will not receive a dividend from the Telephone Company in 1995.

After questions from the audience, the meeting adjourned.



Arlene A. Buchite
City Clerk/Treasurer