



Office of the Finance Director/Treasurer

**To:** Milton Common Council  
Mayor Anissa Welch  
**From:** Dan Nelson, Finance Director/Treasurer  
**Date:** October 18, 2016  
**Subject:** Discussion and possible action regarding the Notice of Public Hearing on 2017 Budget

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***Discussion and Background***

As discussed and approved at the October 10th budget kickoff meeting, the required public notice of the 2017 budget will be published in the Milton Courier on October 26/27. The public hearing date will be November 15 and the adoption of the budget will be during a special meeting on November 29.

The amounts shown in the notification reflect the preliminary budget that was discussed on October 10, 2016. The changes made since October 10 are:

1. Full requests of each of the non-profits
2. Fire Commission decision on October 12 to reduce outside consulting by \$24,000 (\$12k effect on the City budget).
3. We received notice that the City's road allocation was reduced by \$25,000. This does not impact the expenditure restraint but does increase the impact on the tax rate because the tax levy must "absorb" this reduction.

However, the budget can be adjusted between now and November 29 and the Council is **NOT** obligated to pass the budget shown. Approving the publication only fulfills the legal requirements as stated in Wisconsin Statutes 65.90.

The Council also has the discretion to approve the publication with any modifications it wishes to make.

***Recommendation***

Approve the publication of the Public Hearing for the City of Milton's 2017 budget on November 15, 2016.