

How would the construction of a municipal building consisting of a fire hall, city hall and community room affect my property taxes?

The referendum will be on the ballot during the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016. Polls are open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

*Taxes could be lower with favorable interest rates and bids.

Residential Property		
*Only impacts the city portion of your property taxes		
Estimated Market Value	Approximate Property Tax Increase Per Month	Approximate Property Tax Increase Per Year
\$125,000	\$17	\$205
\$200,000	\$31	\$374
\$250,000	\$41	\$487
Commercial Property		
*Only impacts the city portion of your property taxes		
\$100,000	\$26	\$311
\$300,000	\$91	\$1,087

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.

ACQUISITION AND BETTERMENT OF FIRE AND CITY HALL FACILITIES

<input type="radio"/>	YES	"Shall the City of Medford, Minnesota, be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,950,000 to finance the acquisition and betterment of a municipal building consisting of a fire hall and city hall?"
<input type="radio"/>	NO	

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The polling location for the City of Medford is the Medford City Hall located at 408 2nd Ave SE, Medford.

Residents may also vote by absentee ballot prior to November 8th.

Absentee ballots can be obtained beginning September 23, at Steele County Administrative Services Building located at 630 Florence Ave., in Owatonna.

City Facilities Work Group

Facilitators/City Staff: Andy Welti, City Administrator & Rich Kucera, Former Department of Public Works Director

Work Group Members:

Council: Marie Sexton and Keith Maas

Fire Department: Rick Hager, Chief and Greg Sanborn, Asst. Chief

Public: Bruce Paulson, Jerry Roberts, Grace Bartlett and Janita Paulson

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Vote Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Proposed City of Medford Municipal Building



Visit the city properties shown above during the

OPEN HOUSES

The City and Fire Department will be holding open houses to provide information, answer questions and provide an opportunity for Medford residents to view the current buildings. The open houses will be held at Medford City Hall, Public Works Building and Fire Hall:

Thursday, September 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 6, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.



Timeline



1975 – Local contractor built a pole building for his business, later converted to the fire hall/city hall

2008 – Council began discussing construction of a fire hall and purchasing land for a future building.

2009 – A Fire Department group researched adding onto the existing complex or a new building.

2009-2010 The Medford Fire Station Study was presented to Council. The goal was to build a Fire Hall/City Hall facility in 5-10 years.

Summer of 2015 - Council discussed the project during planning sessions to address space shortages.

August of 2015 - The City Facilities Work Group was charged with the task of reviewing current city facilities and developing a recommendation.

The City Facilities Work Group toured Medford's city hall, fire hall, public works garage and shop, and held several meetings. They recommended: The City should build a facility to address present and future needs.

Members of the Fire Department and City staff toured several fire halls and city halls to develop efficient and effective square footage, design and solutions meeting the needs of the Medford area.

Issues Identified by City Staff and the Fire Department

Medford Fire Department

Twenty-four volunteer firefighters serve on the Medford Fire Department.

- Spend significant time away from families at Fire Hall
- Attend evening and weekend trainings at Fire Hall
- Respond to Fires, Vehicle Accidents and Health Emergencies
- 115 Fire, Rescue and First Responder calls in 2015

- Additional space for Fire Department training
- Adequate space to perform maintenance work on City and Fire Department equipment
- Storage space for new fire trucks - which are bigger than current trucks
- Storage of all City public works equipment. The jetter truck is stored at an off-site location at a cost of \$3600 per year.
- Room for Fire Department gear washer, extractor and dryer
- Expanded city council meeting room to accommodate more residents at meetings
- City Hall space with secured storage space and area for future, additional employees
- Community room that can be rented by residents of Medford
- Fire Department building that will withstand strong winds or a tornado

Comprehensive Solution

Helping the Community

The proposed municipal building would address the needs of the Fire Department, City Hall and the Public Works Department.

The Fire Department portion of the building would:

- Include training room, truck bay, equipment maintenance and repair, and washer/extractor spaces
- Serve as an emergency command center, built to withstand damaging winds so the facility can provide services in the event of a natural disaster.

The City Hall portion would:

- Include office space to accommodate future staff, and a council chamber to accommodate well-attended meetings.
- Include a Council Chamber/Community Room that will be available to rent for gatherings of 75-100 people.

The Proposed Municipal Building consisting of a fire hall, city hall and community room.

City Hall (approx.): 2,741 square feet or 14%
Fire Hall (approx.): 16,403 square feet or 86%

The City Council contracted with Brunton Architects and Engineers to design the municipal building city hall/fire hall. The architect designed the municipal building at a cost not to exceed \$3,950,000. Construction cost: \$3,218,000.

All other costs including construction, inflation, contingency, engineering and finance fees: \$732,000. The City would take out a 30-year bond **not to exceed** \$3,950,000 to finance the construction of the Municipal Building.

The City's Public Works Department would:

- Move its trucks, mowers, equipment and workshop from current inefficient and undersized buildings and rented space, into the current City Hall/Fire Hall and existing on-site building, efficiently utilizing space and protecting equipment.

