

PUBLIC NOTICES

Important Information Regarding Property Assessments This may affect your property tax payments for next year.
The Board of Appeal and Equalization for City of Holdingford will meet on April 1st, 2025 at 6:00 pm at Holdingford City Hall 420 Main street. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor’s office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.
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**City of Avon, County of Stearns
SUMMARY PUBLICATION
Ordinance No. 241**

The following is the official summary of Ordinance No. 241 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVON, MINNESOTA, AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 33 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX”.
On March 3, 2025, the City Council of the City of Avon adopted Ordinance No. 241 which is summarized as follows: Pursuant to a voter-approved referendum and state law, the City is authorized to and will amend its City Code to increase the amount that may be raised from the City’s existing local sales and use tax of one-half of one (0.5) percent on retail sales made after October 1, 2019, to be used to fund certain designated projects, including the Major Transportation Improvement Projects.
The Avon City Clerk/Administrator keeps a copy of the ordinance at City Hall, 140 Stratford St. E., Avon, MN for public inspection during regular office hours. A copy of the ordinance and summary shall also be posted on the City’s website (www.cityofavonmn.com).
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**CITY OF MELROSE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUOTES
STREET SEALCOAT MAINTENANCE**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Melrose will accept sealed quotes for Street Sealcoat Maintenance until 11:00 AM, on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at which time they will be opened and read aloud.
Preliminary quantity estimates for bidding purposes is 47,560 sq. yards.
A copy of the specifications, work detail map and quote form may be picked up at the Melrose City Center, 225 1st St NE or by calling 320-256-1959. Sealed quote envelopes shall bear the inscription “Street Sealcoat Maintenance Quote”. A cash deposit, certified check or bid bond for at least five percent (5%) of the total quote amount must accompany the proposal.
No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of twenty (20) days after the date set for the quote opening thereof. The City reserves the right to reject any or all quotes and waive any irregularity. The City Council intends to award the quote at the April 16, 2025, City Council Meeting.
Patricia Haase,
City Clerk
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**Minute Summary for March 5, 2025
School Board Work Session of Holdingford Public School**
The Holdingford School Board held a Work Session on March 5, 2025. Members present: Evelyn Martini, Ben Christensen, Nicole Burg, Lori Opatz, Ed Feia, and Pat Meier. Absent: Rob Knettel. Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson, Secondary Principal Tom Cooper, Business Manager Garrity Gerber, and District Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka.
Mr. Gerber presented a recap of where the budget is at and where he anticipates the District being at the end of the fiscal year. The projected fund balance is 15.8% at the end of FY25.
He explained that for FY26 the general education aid will increase by 2.74% because new legislation locks in the inflationary increase. Mr. Gerber doesn’t anticipate any other substantial increases in revenue. ADMs drive Gen Ed Revenue and after analyzing the enrollment numbers in K-12 for FY26 he is projecting a decrease of about 26 students.
Because it is a negotiating year Mr. Gerber has to budget an increase in salary and wages along with the cost increases in supplies and services; the 2.74% increase in revenue from the state doesn’t come close to keeping up with the increasing costs.
Mr. Swenson started the conversation on cost saving measures, and reiterated that revenue is not and will not keep up with inflation, and the unfunded mandates such as unemployment and students going PSEO make things worse.
Discussion ensued on the tech levy that is in place and the fact that 75% of school districts in Minnesota have operating levies, Holdingford does not. Mr. Gerber showed some charts adding operating levy revenue of \$1,000, \$1,200 and \$1,400 per pupil unit. Knowing that this would have to be passed by the voters, it would increase property taxes and the time it takes to pass a referendum he presented some possible temporary adjustments to get through FY26. The Board and administrators did some brainstorming on cuts and raising fees. It was decided that the facility committee will meet to continue the discussion and to come up with a plan to present to the Board.
The meeting continued with Mr. Swenson presenting Policy 524.5 Personal Electronic Communication Devices and highlighting the section added that addresses cell phone exceptions for college class students. He continued with Policy 104 School District Mission Statement explaining that the newly adopted Mission Statement was inserted. Next Policy 506 Student Discipline was reviewed noting that MSBA added statute clarification on a School Resource Officer and this policy is one of three that have to be reviewed annually even if there are no changes.
Mr. Swenson summarized revisions for Policy 507 Corporal Punishment And Prone Restraint which MSBA added reasonable force language and corrected a legal reference and Policy 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students which MSBA removed School Readiness Plus and added School of Parents’ Choice Law. Lastly he explained the last two policies 722 Public Data & Data Subject Requests and 806 Crisis Management Policy have no changes but must be reviewed annually.
A brief discussion took place for temporary coverage options while the Elementary Principal is out.
Meeting Adjourn at 7:58 PM.
This article is a summary of the minutes. The full text is available for public inspection at the District Office or online at <http://www.isd738.org/school-board-meeting-agendasminutes.html>.
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**SECTION 00 11 13
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Melrose Area Schools Parking Lot Renovation
546 Fifth Avenue Northeast
Melrose, Minnesota 56352**
Independent School District #740 will receive single prime sealed bids for Melrose Area Schools Parking Lot Renovation until 2:00 p.m. local time on March 27, 2025 at the District Office, 546 Fifth Avenue Northeast, Melrose, Minnesota 56352, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
Bidding documents, including the Proposal Form, Drawings and Specifications, will be on file at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge Plan Center; Reed Construction; iSqFt Plan Room (St. Paul, MN), The Blue Book Building and Construction Network; and from PlanWell at https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/Secures/PWELL_PrivateList.aspx?PrjType=pub
Duluth Builders Exchange; Mid Minnesota Builders Exchange (Willmar, MN); Northwest Regional Builders Exchange (Eau Claire); Fargo-Moorhead Builders Exchange.
This project includes: Parking lot renovation including all asphalt and concrete work, underground utilities, site grading, storm water management systems, site lighting and landscaping.
American Reprographics Company, 4730 Park Glen Road, St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416 (952) 697-8800, facsimile

(952) 697-8803 will provide complete downloadable sets of the Bidding Documents to prospective bidders and subcontractors. The downloads will be available on or about March 10, 2025. A deposit check in the amount of \$25 made out to ARC for each set downloaded via the internet at <https://www.e-arc.com/location/st-louis-park/> and clicking on the PlanWell icon, then the Public Plan Room icon, select Melrose Area Schools Parking Lot Renovation.
Make proposals on the bid forms supplied in the Project Manual. No oral, telegraphic or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid, a certified check or acceptable bidder’s bond payable to Independent School District #740 in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Performance Bond.
Bids may not be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the scheduled time of opening bids, without the consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject any or all bids, or parts of such bids, and waive informalities or irregularities in bidding.
The Owner requires Substantial Completion of the project on or before August 22, 2025.
Board of Education
Independent School District #740
END OF SECTION 00 11 13.
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