

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NO. 2009-17

JULY 27, 2009

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Chadron, Nebraska met in special session in the City Hall Council Chambers at 234 Main Street on the 27th day of July 2009, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. The following individuals were present: Mayor Donny Grantham, Vice Mayor John Gamby, Councilmembers John Chizek, Rob Harvey, and Steve Duncan, City Manager Sandra Powell, City Clerk Donna Rust, and Finance Officer Melany Hughes. Employees and Supervisors representing their departments included: Police Lieutenant Rick Hickstein, E-911/Communications Supervisor Tony Serbousek, Street Supervisor Terry Birnbaum, Public Works Director Milo Rust, Parks/Cemetery Supervisor Scott Schremmer, Utilities Director Tom Menke, Zoning/Building Official Janet Johnson, Library Director Rossella Tesch, and Utilities Director Tom Menke. Absent: Chief of Police Tim Lordino.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing notice in The Chadron Record as shown by the affidavit of publication filed in the City Clerk's office. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes and is filed in the City Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice of the Mayor and City Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Grantham called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present. The Mayor also read the following before continuing with the meeting: "As required by Section 84-1412, subsection of the Nebraska Statutes, notice is hereby given that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted for your examination on the wall inside the door to these City Council Chambers."

The Council met in workshop session to review the annual budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Finance Officer Melany Hughes presented the annual budget, highlighting the major expenditures, revenues and changes in the proposed budget.

It was noted that the total property tax request for the 2008-2009 fiscal year was \$606,443.00. The property tax request in the proposed budget for the 2006-2010 fiscal year is the same as last year, \$606,443.00. It is projected that the taxable valuation will stay the same as last year at \$173,737,591, with the property tax levy at .37000 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

It was noted in the Council's copy of the proposed budget, the Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR) requires municipalities to pay a comparable wage and benefit to their employees. As per the City of Chadron's proposed Pay Plan Guideline and proposed pay plan, employees do not receive annual cost of living increases. Pay adjustments are based on performance and comparability. Due to the required comparability some of the employee positions require adjustment. The pay adjustments were included in the proposed budget.

Groups requesting Keno funds are budgeted at the same level as last year, with the exception of NE Northwest Development Corporation. Total budgeted for NNDC is \$30,000.00, all from general fund revenues.

Capital expenditures in the General Fund and Public Works Departments total \$198,665.00. The proposed expenditures include: purchase of office equipment and computers for various departments in the amount of \$12,850.00, and radio equipment for various departments - \$1,800.00. Also included as capital expenditures are \$5,000.00 for fire fighting and \$5,000.00 special equipment for the fire department. Other specialized equipment includes: police department - \$1,000.00, library - \$400.00, street department paint booth - \$2,600.00, parks weed eater - \$375.00, telemetry system for the water and wastewater departments \$34,000.00, wastewater department trench box - \$7,000.00 and water department automation for chlorine and polymer - \$10,500.00.

Motorized equipment includes: airport mower - \$10,000.00, air compressor for public works department (parks, streets, water, wastewater) - \$16,000.00 parks department used pickup - \$8,000.00, and police department patrol car equipped - \$34,000.00. System improvements include parks - \$8,900.00, streets - \$18,000.00, wastewater - \$3,600.00 and \$19,640.00 airport improvements (City portion of grant).

Proposed expenditures from the Public Safety Debt Service account includes \$300,000.00 for purchase of the new fire truck.

The land enterprise budget includes \$201,000.00 for assessable alley and paving projects, \$30,000.00 for assessable water main extensions, and \$211,000.00 for assessable sewer mains. Also budgeted is \$6,000.00 for abatement. General Obligation bonds are budgeted, if needed, for assessable districts in the Debt Service Fund. The Debt Service budget also includes loan proceeds of \$6,700.00 related to the purchase of the airport fuel farm retained for final approval, \$6,720.00 for payments to Nebraska Department of Aeronautics.

The Street Department budget includes \$100,000.00 for street maintenance contracts for armor coating Quadrant 1 and the 100 to 200 Blocks from Main Street to Pine Street.

The Water Department budget includes \$85,644.00 in loan payments to First National Bank of Chadron for improvements made to the water treatment plant. Final payment for this loan is scheduled for December 15, 2010.

The Wastewater Department includes \$2,052,280.00 for completion of construction of the wastewater treatment system and \$171,822.00 for debt service. Budgeted revenues include \$2,250,000.00 for loan proceeds.

The budget reflects no increase in water and sewer rates for the current fiscal year.

Grant project expenditures include \$63,000.00 for a Federal fire fighting FEMA grant. State grant expenditures include \$40,000.00 for miscellaneous grant projects that may become available, \$196,000.00 for an airport layout plan, and \$274,200.00 for an owner occupied rehab grant.

MIRF funds were completely expended in FY 2007/08 with the installation of the fuel tanks at the airport.

Department representatives spoke in regard to their departments budget.

Councilmember Gamby said that he had received several comments from citizens in trying to reach the City Manager and the Chief of Police by telephone after hours. Councilmember Gamby suggested that these two individuals get land line telephones installed at their residences with answering machines, at the City's expense. After discussion, Mayor Grantham instructed land line telephones to be installed at the residence of the City Manager and the Chief of Police for a period of one year and that the issue be addressed again after one year.

Councilmember Harvey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 o'clock P.M. Seconded by Councilmember Duncan. The following Councilmembers voted Aye: Grantham, Gamby, Chizek, Harvey, Duncan. The following voted Nay: None. Motion carried.

CITY OF CHADRON

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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City of Chadron)

I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Chadron, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the special meeting of July 27, 2009 kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of the City Council of the City of Chadron were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

City Clerk

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