

SPECIAL MEETING (BUDGET WORKSHOP) OF CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 23, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Billy John Murphy Mayor
Greg Drennan Alderman Place 1
Donnie Hayes Alderman Place 3
Dianna Sursa Alderman Place 4

ABSENT: Kim Johnston Alderman Place 2
Mike McMahan Alderman Place 5

STAFF: Mark Anderson City Manager
Jocelyn Perez City Secretary
Marie Farbro Chief of Police
Alan Wells Fire Chief

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor, Billy Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., Council Member Hayes gave the invocation, and lead the pledge. No guests were present.

ITEM #2: BUDGET WORKSHOP

Fire Department – Presented by Fire Chief Alan Wells

Mr. Wells is looking at budget of \$69,400 a slight increase over last year. He informed the council that gas and oil was a significant factor. He has also increased his budget for training, repair & maintenance of vehicles, repair & maintenance of building and professional services for new software.

Police Department – Presented by Chief of Police Marie Farbro

Ms. Farbro is looking at budget of \$222,500 a significant increase over last year. She would like to have a staff 4 (including her), a new police unit, and 3 radios. She asked if there could be a line item set-up to track the K-9 unit expenses.

***** BREAK 6:43 *****

***** RETURNED TO SESSION 6:45 *****

ITEM #2: BUDGET WORKSHOP (Continued)

General Budget – Presented by City Manager Mark Anderson

Mr. Anderson informed the council that according to Hutchinson County Tax Assessor Mary Lou Henderson we will see a drop in our tax rate as the value of property has increased. The highest we could go on our rate would be \$.30987.

2010 – 2011
Total Levy Rate \$.34911
Total Taxes \$278,800.00

Proposed: 2011-2012
Total Levy Rate \$.30987
Total Taxes \$303,020.00

Mr. Anderson would like to see continued progress with the Sealcoating. He has again budgeted for \$100,000 to accommodate these improvements.

He would like to purchase a One Ton Pick-up to split with the water and gas department.

We will have a CDBG Drainage Grant from Storm/Sewer that will need to be completed by September 2012. The City will have to come up with \$65,000 to assist with this grant.

ITEM #3: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into executive session @ 7:48 p.m.

ITEM #4: ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

Council came out of executive session @ 8:45p.m. No action was taken.

ITEM #5: ADJOURN

The next meetings will be scheduled for August 30, 2011 and September 6, 2011. Motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member Hayes, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:48 pm.

Billy Murphy
Mayor

ATTEST

Jocelyn Perez
City Secretary