



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Special Meeting

## Item S -1

### 2015-16 Budget Planning Schedule

Staff Contact: Marlan Ferguson

Date: July 16, 2015

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Marlan Ferguson, City Administrator

Re: Schedule for Budget Work Sessions

The Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 Proposed Budget will commence at the Regular City Council meeting on August 11, 2015. We had the first budget items approved on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> by way of reviewing and approving the Fee Schedule. On July 21<sup>st</sup> we will review the Full Time Equivalents (FTE), the Capital Improvement Fund (CIP), and a review of the schedule and the use of Socrata “Openspending” Website.

This will be a challenging budget process, with three new council members, new mayor and City Administrator and an interim Finance Director. However we do have experienced Council Members and staff and are anxious to bring new ideas into the process, as well as the use of Openspending Website. We do not have any Union contracts that are expiring so the salary increases have already been determined. To keep in line with those we are proposing a 2.5% increase for the non-union employees.

The following is a proposed schedule for the presentation of the budget and the subsequent budget work sessions.

July 14	Council meeting: Fee Schedule
July 21	Special meeting / Study session: FTE, CIP, Socrata
July 28	Council meeting: Approve BID budgets, assessments and set Board of Equalization
August 3	Proposed Budget books and Socrata input this week
August 11	Council meeting: Public Hearing on City and CRA budgets, Health Insurance Contract, Salary Ordinance
August 17	Council Budget Session: General Fund Summary, Revenue/Expenditures Analysis, Operating Cash Analysis, and General Fund Departments Review.
August 18	Council Budget Session: Continuation of General Fund Department Review and Enterprise Funds
August 24	Utilities and other Department Review
August 25	Council meeting followed by Budget session if needed.
September 8	Council meeting: Approval of 2015 – 2016 budget, 1% Increase to the Restricted Lid Limit, setting the Mill Levy
September 20	Budget must be received by Nebraska Department of Revenue by this date.