



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Council Session

Item G3

**Approving Minutes of August 17, 2010 City Council Special
(Budget) Meeting**

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING

August 17, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 East First Street, on August 17, 2010. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on August 6, 2010.

Mayor Hornady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Councilmember's were present: Councilmember's Meyer, Niemann, Gilbert, Haase, Carney, Dugan, Ramsey, Nickerson, and Gericke. Councilmember Zapata was absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Jeff Pederson, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Finance Director Mary Lou Brown, City Attorney Dale Shotkoski, and Public Works Director Steve Riehle.

INVOCATION was given by Mayor Hornady followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2010-2011 City Single Budget. This item was continued from the Special (Budget) Meetings of August 3, 5, 10 and 12, 2010. No public testimony was heard.

Review of Proposed FY 2010/2011 City Single Budget. The City Council continued the review and discussion of the Proposed FY 2010/2011 City Single Budget. City Administrator Jeff Pederson stated news came today from the County Assessor with a total valuation figure less than staff had projected.

Finance Director Mary Lou Brown presented an overview of the major General Fund revenue sources. The total 2010 projected revenue was \$22,538,800 with a current view of 2010 (8/17/10) of \$22,525,440. The updated 2011 revenue budgeted was \$23,211,000.

The projected valuation for 2011 from the County Assessor was \$2,395,497,486 down from the proposed 2011 budget valuation of \$2,498,348,795. With a tax mill rate (general & interlocal) of .204855 the property tax would be \$4,907,296.

The following Cash Analysis was presented:

	<u>Unrestricted Cash</u>	<u>Personnel Services & Operating Expense</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
2008	\$6,001,104	\$30,593,649	19.62%
2009	\$3,431,250	\$31,094,979	11.03%
2010 Budget	\$4,574,874	\$33,940,337	13.48%
2010 Projection	\$4,394,445	\$33,012,614	13.31%
2011 Budget	\$4,509,614	\$32,312,527	13.96%
2011 w/Proposed Change	\$4,409,614	\$32,312,527	13.65%

Discussion was held concerning ambulance fees that were not collected. Ms. Brown stated the insurance companies were paying about 65%. Ms. Brown answered questions concerning the unrestricted cash balance.

City Administrator Jeff Pederson presented the following proposal for funding 2 additional Police Officer's in the new budget:

- \$112,300 – Cost related to two incremental police officers

The recommendations for funding these two positions are as follows:

- \$30,00 – Non-union medical leave annual buyout benefit removed
- \$25,000 – Increased revenue from ambulance billing
- \$57,300 – General Fund capital reduction

- \$112,300 Total Funding

Motion by Carney, second by Niemann to amend the current budget to provide funding for the (2) incremental police officers as recommended by the City Administrator.

Discussion was held regarding total appropriation submitted to the State. Mr. Pederson stated the impact on the support staff with the additional two officers' would be covered in the current Police budget as proposed. Councilmember Nickerson questioned the sustainability of these two positions for future budgets. Mentioned was a tax increase to cover these positions. Compliments were made by council regarding the balanced budget and no tax increase.

Upon roll call vote Councilmember's Meyer, Niemann, Gilbert, Haase, Carney, Gericke, Ramsey, and Dugan vote aye. Councilmember Nickerson voted no. Motion adopted.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Dugan to approve the Proposed 2010/2011 Budget incorporating the amendments made during the last couple of weeks.

The Public Hearing for the 2010/2011 Proposed Budget was closed.

Upon roll call vote Councilmember's Meyer, Niemann, Gilbert, Haase, Carney, Nickerson, Ramsey, and Dugan voted aye. Councilmember Gericke voted no. Motion adopted.

Compliments were made by the Mayor and Council thanking staff for all the hard work on this budget.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk