

BUDGET MEETING, AUGUST 30, 2010

Members Present: Anderson, Gumke, Kourajian, Nygaard and Schulz.

Nygaard indicated that he would like to see the 4% rate increase for the Water and Sewer Utilities removed from the 2011 Budget due to the current reserves in the Surplus Accounts in those two funds.

Nygaard moved to include a 2.5% step adjustment for city employee wages in the 2011 Budget with no COLA. Seconded by Gumke. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved that the December 31, 2010, Fund Balances in the Special Projects Fund and the Public Auditorium Construction Fund be transferred to the General Fund for the 2011 Budget. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Andersen moved to include the \$79,000 purchase of a tractor/backhoe and bucket for the Street Department with the cost of purchase to be from the Solid Waste Surplus Fund; and to increase the General Fund Levy by 1 mill in order to increase the Street Department Equipment Rental line item by \$25,000. Seconded by Kourajian. Voice vote showed: 3 ayes, 2 nays (Nygaard & Gumke). Carried.

Discussion was held relative to including limited funding to the City Beautification Committee, the Arts Center and the Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Disabled, and the reduction of the subsidy to Renaissance Recycling to \$30,000. No action taken at this time.

Consensus was to meet again on September 13, 2010 at 3:00 PM.

BUDGET MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

Members Present: Anderson, Gumke, Kourajian and Nygaard. Absent: Schulz.

Kourajian moved to include \$5,000 in the 2011 General Fund Budget in the support of the Fine Arts Association. Seconded by Gumke. Voice vote showed: 2 ayes, 2 nays (Andersen, Nygaard). Motion Failed.

Kourajian moved to include \$5,000 in the 2011 General Fund Budget in the support of the Community Service Program. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Kourajian moved to include \$5,000 in the 2011 General Fund Budget in the support of the Chamber Beautification Committee. Seconded by Andersen. Voice vote showed: 1 ayes, 3 nays (Andersen, Gumke, Nygaard). Motion Failed.

Gumke moved to include the \$2,400 in the Police Department Budget as local matching funds in support of a Federal Grant to purchase 5 portable radios for the department. Seconded by Andersen. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Gumke moved to change the employee pay plan for the 2011 budget to allow for a 2.5% cost of living increase and to rescind the 2.5% step adjustment previously approved. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Nygaard moved a \$600 increase to the Schools and Conventions line item in the Street Department. Seconded by Andersen. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Andersen moved to reconsider the inclusion of a \$79,000 tractor/backhoe with bucket in the budget for 2011. Seconded by Gumke. Following discussion the motion and second were withdrawn.

The members were informed that Noel Johnson from Stutsman County had informed the City that the LEC Building needs the roof replaced in 2011, at an estimated cost of \$170,000, and there are no funds available from the Building Fund. It will be necessary for the City and County to determine how the project will be paid for.

Andersen moved to add one (1) full time position to the Water Utility Budget for 2011. Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

The City Administrator, Personnel Officer, City Engineer, City Utility Superintendent and Street Foreman will meet to review employee staffing and make any recommendations to the Council for subsequent consideration.