

Kearney, Nebraska
July 22, 2010
4:00 p.m.

A Joint City/County Budget Meeting of the City Council of Kearney, Nebraska and the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors was convened in open and public session at 4:00 p.m. on July 22, 2010 in the Peterson Senior Activity Center, 2020 West 11th Street, Kearney, Nebraska. Present were: Vice-President Randy Buschkoetter; Council Members Don Kearney, Bob Lammers. County Supervisors present: Chairman Richard Pierce, Sherry Morrow, Ivan Klein, William McMullen. Absent: Stanley Clouse, Bruce Lear, Tim Loewenstein, Kent Greder, and Horace Dannehl. City Staff present: Michael Morgan, City Manager; Michaëlle Trembly, City Clerk; Wendell Wessels, Director of Finance; Michael Tye, City Attorney; Shawna Erbsen, Human Resources Director; Kirk Stocker, Director of Utilities; Matthew Williams, Library Director; Neal Lewis, Director of Park & Recreation; Dan Lynch, Chief of Police; Suzanne Brodine, Assistant to the City Manager; and Julie Steffensmeier, Executive Assistant. County Staff present: Jan Giffin, County Clerk; Lynn Rauner, County Board Administrator; Neil Miller, County Sheriff; and Shawn Eatherton, County Attorney.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Kearney Hub, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment or receipt of such notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and City Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Prior to the meeting, Vice-President Buschkoetter announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted in the room.

Director of Finance Wendell Wessels presented the following proposed 2010-2011 budget:

The total County share for 2009-2010 was \$764,841 with the total County share for 2010-2011 being \$821,583. This is an increase of \$56,742 or is approximately a 7.42 percent increase from last year. The City's total share for the 2009-2010 was \$566,400 with the total City share for 2010-2011 being \$583,108. This is an increase of \$16,708 or a 2.95 percent increase from last year.

Cottonmill Park

The total tax requirement in this budget for Cottonmill Lake Park is \$346,555 with the County and City portion being 50 percent each or \$166,727.50. There was a credit of \$2,000 which was a result of the 2009-2010 budgeted amount of \$349,955 minus the actual expenditure of \$347,955.

Bookmobile

The total requirement from the County in this budget is \$203,306.94. Some of the notable expenditures include: (1) Hip server for ILS - \$12,720; and (2) save for bookmobile (6 of 10) - \$60,000.

Law Enforcement Center

The total requirement from the County on this budget is \$330,055.33 and the City's requirement is \$508,108.23. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) replace heating/cooling unit - \$10,000; (2) door security system - \$25,000; (3) fiber to County offices/Fire Station 1 - \$22,000; and (4) IBM AS400 - \$40,000 (save for year 4 of 4).

Emergency Management

The City and County entered into an agreement for the purpose of providing emergency management services to both the City and the County. Buffalo County agreed to employ the Emergency Management Director as a full-time employee and will fund this position. The Emergency Management Director shall act in an advisory capacity only to the City of Kearney.

Prosecution Services

This agreement has been entered into between the City and County for prosecuting services. The City currently reimburses the County in the amount of \$75,000 annually for these services.

Vehicle Gasoline Purchase

The City, County, School and ESU entered into an interlocal agreement to provide for the purchasing of gasoline.

Airport Road Re-location Financing

The City and County entered into an interlocal agreement setting forth the specifics of the County's agreement to reimburse the City for all construction costs with reference to the relocation of Airport Road and any road improvements along Highway 30. The current estimated cost for the road portion of the project is \$1,275,000. The City, at the request of Buffalo County, has agreed to oversee the road improvements with the County to reimburse the City for the cost by paying the annual debt service for a period of twenty (20) years.

Baldwin has been notified that in accordance with the Infrastructure Agreement, if they do not break ground on the expansion on or prior to five years from the completion of the infrastructure improvements, Baldwin will be liable for the entire principal amount borrowed to fund the infrastructure improvements.

Peterson Senior Activity Center

This facility was recently constructed at E.K. and Mary Yanney Heritage Park and is open to residents age 50 and older. The 2009-2010 City of Kearney budget to staff and operate the facility was \$250,000; the projected 2010-2011 budget is \$223,000. Because it has been determined that this population was previously underserved in this area. The City is seeking annual financial assistance from the County for operation of the facility in the amount of \$50,000. On June 15, 2010 the City sent a letter to the County with a draft Interlocal Agreement for the Senior Center.

The County will be looking at their budget to determine whether they can assist with the Peterson Senior Activity Center. They may be establishing a Committee to review this.

Board member Morrow suggested that possibly next year, that the County host a Spring meeting which would be prior to the annual Joint City/County Budget Meeting, April or May, to discuss these items. The City and County have different budget time lines and having a pre-meeting may help with the County budget. All members present thought this was a great idea.

Moved by Kearney seconded by Morrow to accept the proposed 2010-2011 budget as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Buschkoetter, Kearney, Lammers, Pierce, Morrow, McMullen, Klein. Nay: None. Absent: Clouse, Lear, Greder, Dannehl, Loewenstein. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Moved by Kearney seconded by Pierce by that the meeting adjourn at 4:19 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Buschkoetter, Lammers, Kearney, Pierce, McMullen, Klein, Morrow. Nay: None. Absent: Clouse, Lear, Dannehl, Greder, Loewenstein. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

RANDY BUSCHKOETTER
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

MICHAELLE E. TREMBLY
CITY CLERK