

Kearney, Nebraska
July 29, 2015
4:00 p.m.

A Joint City/County Budget Meeting of the City Council of Kearney, Nebraska and the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 4:00 p.m. on July 29, 2015 in the Peterson Senior Activity Center, 2020 West 11th Street, Kearney, Nebraska. Present were: Mayor Stanley A. Clouse; Council Members Bruce Lear, Bob Lammers and Jonathan Nikkila. Absent: Randy Buschkoetter. County Commissioners present: Chairman William McMullen, Sherry Morrow, Francis Biehl, Kent Greder (arrived at 4:07 p.m.) and Ivan Klein. Absent: Joe Brayton and Dennis Reiter. City Staff present: Michael Morgan, City Manager; Michaelle Trembly, City Clerk; Wendell Wessels, Director of Finance; Michael Tye, City Attorney; Paul Briseno, Assistant City Manager; Kirk Stocker, Director of Utilities; Scott Hayden, Park & Recreation Director; Matthew Williams, Library Director; and Julie Steffensmeier, Executive Assistant. County Staff present: Jan Giffin, County Clerk; Lynn Martin, County Administrator; and Shawn Eatherton, County Attorney. Ashley White from the Kearney Hub was also present.

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.

Mayor Clouse 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 2015-2016 budget:

The total County share for 2014-2015 was \$888,383 with the total County share for 2015-2016 being \$914,419. This is an increase of \$26,037 or is approximately a 2.93 percent increase from last year. The City's total share for the 2014-2015 was \$667,000 with the total City share for 2015-2016 being \$697,213. This is an increase of \$30,213 or a 4.53 percent increase from last year.

Bookmobile

The total requirement from the County in this budget is \$236,177. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) air conditioning condenser coil - \$20,000, (2) ECO MASTER multi-disc repair machine - \$16,000, and (3) save for bookmobile - \$10,000.

Cottonmill Park

The total tax requirement in this budget for Cottonmill Lake Park is \$423,728. There was a credit of \$8,526 which brings the total tax requirement to \$415,202 with the County's

portion being \$207,601. Some of the notable expenditures include: (1) new storage building - \$29,000, (2) replace split rail fencing - \$14,000, (3) boat replacement - \$7,000, and (4) replace picnic tables, benches and grills - \$5,000.

Law Enforcement Center

The Law Enforcement Center includes: County Attorney Information Technology, Police Records Services, Police Data Processing, Police Evidence and Police Building. The total requirement from the County on this budget is \$387,309 and the City's requirement is \$651,360. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) replace copier - \$15,000; (2) software upgrade - \$174,000; (3) data/image storage system - \$35,000; (4) replace building heating units - \$15,000; and (5) replace office furnishings - \$16,000.

Peterson Senior Activity Center

The 2014-2015 City of Kearney budget to staff and operate the facility was \$388,491 and the projected 2015-2016 budget is \$429,031. The reason for the increase is more programs and entertainment. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) provide an addition to the office area - \$8,800.

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.

Kearney Area Solid Waste Agency

The Kearney Area Solid Waste Agency Landfill began operation in April of 1994. The Kearney Area Solid Waste Agency Landfill is governed by the Kearney Area Solid Waste Agency Board which is composed of City Council members, Administrative Staff and a County Official. The Landfill serves Buffalo County and surrounding area. The Landfill is expected to last approximately 36 years.

Archway Monument

In December of 2013 the City and County entered into an agreement to provide funding and management oversight for The Archway. Both the City and the County have agreed to each provide funding for operation in the amount of \$75,000 annually for a period of three years.

The City thanked the County for their support and partnership and will continue to have a great working relationship which has been recognized throughout the state.

Moved by Morrow seconded by Nikkila to accept the proposed 2015-2016 budget as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Lear, Lammers, Nikkila, McMullen, Morrow, Greder, Biehl, Klein. Nay: None. Absent: Buschkoetter, Brayton, Reiter. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Moved by Lear seconded by Lammers that the meeting adjourn at 4:17 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Nikkila, Lammers, Lear, McMullen, Morrow, Greder, Biehl, Klein. Nay: None. Absent: Buschkoetter, Reiter, Brayton. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

**STANLEY A. CLOUSE
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR**

**MICHAELLE E. TREMBLY
CITY CLERK**