

Kearney, Nebraska
July 12, 2017
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 12, 2017 in the Peterson Senior Activity Center, 2020 West 11th Street, Kearney, Nebraska. Present were: Mayor Stanley A. Clouse; Council Members Bruce Lear, Bob Lammers, Jonathan Nikkila. Absent: Randy Buschkoetter. County Commissioners present: Chairman William McMullen, Dennis Reiter, Joe Brayton, Ron Loeffelholz and Ivan Klein. Absent: Kent Greder and Sherry Morrow. City Staff present: Michael Morgan, City Manager; Lauren Brandt, City Clerk; Wendell Wessels, Director of Finance; Paul Briseno, Assistant City Manager; Shawna Erbsen, Administrative Services Director; Dan Lynch, Police Chief; Tony Jelinek, Assistant Director of Utilities; Scott Hayden, Park & Recreation Director; Matthew Williams, Library Director; and Julie Steffensmeier, Executive Assistant. County Staff present: Jan Giffin, County Clerk; Shawn Eatherton, County Attorney; and Neil Miller, Sheriff. Erika Pritchard 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.

County Commissioner Greder arrived at 4:03 p.m. Council member Buschkoetter arrived at 4:10 p.m.

Director of Finance Wendell Wessels presented the following proposed 2017-2018 budget:

The total County share for 2016-2017 was \$856,717 with the total County share for 2017-2018 being \$882,838. This is an increase of \$26,121 or is approximately a 3.05 percent increase from last year. The City's total share for the 2016-2017 was \$712,123 with the total City share for 2017-2018 being \$725,775. This is an increase of 13,652 or a 1.92 percent increase from last year.

Bookmobile

The total requirement from the County in this budget is \$242,940. Some of the notable expenditures include: (1) lower roof replacement - \$20,000, and (2) save for bookmobile - \$30,000.

Cottonmill Park

The total tax requirement in this budget for Cottonmill Lake Park is \$430,361. There was a credit of \$31,024 which brings the total tax requirement to \$399,337 with the County's portion being \$199,668.50. Some of the notable expenditures include: (1) retaining wall swim lake/marina - \$15,000, (2) boat replacement - \$7,000, (3) replace picnic tables, benches and grills - \$5,000 and (4) replace 2010 Bobcat 3400 4x4 utility vehicle - \$22,000.

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 \$414,149 and the City's requirement is \$650,774. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) replace building heating units - \$18,000; (2) LED lighting project - \$16,000, (3) data/image storage system - \$15,000 and (4) equipment sinking fund - \$10,000.

Peterson Senior Activity Center

The 2016-2017 City of Kearney budget to staff and operate the facility was \$508,611 and the projected 2017-2018 budget is \$540,754. The reason for the increase is more programs and entertainment. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) bollard style lights near handicapped parking - \$10,000.

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.

Director of Finance Wendell Wessels stated that the duration of the agreement is for twenty-five (25) years commencing with the date that the agreement was implemented which was January 26, 1993. In January of 2018, this agreement will expire. Director of Finance stated he was unsure if the County wished to continue with the agreement. The City of Kearney does not need this agreement any longer. The agreement can either end in January which the City of Kearney is okay with occurring but wanted to ensure the County also agrees and exiting is within state statute requirements. The facility will remain named the Kearney Area Solid Waste Facility even if the agreement expires.

Chairman McMullen stated that they will consult with the County Attorney and let the City know.

Moved by Lear seconded by Greder to accept the proposed 2017-2018 budget as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Lear, Nikkila, Lammers, Buschkoetter, McMullen, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Loeffelholz, Reiter. Nay: None. Absent: Morrow. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Moved by Greder seconded by Lammers that the meeting adjourn at 4:18 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Nikkila, Lammers, Buschkoetter, Lear, McMullen, Loeffelholz, Greder, Klein, Reiter, Brayton. Nay: None. Absent: Morrow. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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

**LAUREN BRANDT
CITY CLERK**