

Kearney, Nebraska
July 11, 2018
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 11, 2018 in the in the Peterson Senior Activity Center, 2020 West 11th Street, Kearney, Nebraska. Present were: Council Members Randy Buschkoetter, Bruce Lear, Jonathan Nikkila, Bob Lammers. Absent: Mayor Stanley A. Clouse. County Commissioners present: Chairman William McMullen, Ivan Klein, Sherry Morrow, Dennis Reiter. Absent: Joe Brayton, Kent Greder and Ron Loeffelholz. City Staff present: Michael Morgan, City Manager; Lauren Brandt, City Clerk; Wendell Wessels, Director of Finance; Mike Tye, City Attorney; Eric Hellriegel, Assistant City Manager; Shawna Erbsen, Administrative Services Director; Dan Lynch, Police Chief; Nate Mollring, I.T. Director; Tony Jelinek, Assistant Director of Utilities; Scott Hayden, Park & Recreation Director; Matthew Williams, Library Director; and Peggy Eynetich, Deputy City Clerk. County Staff present: Jan Giffin, County Clerk; Shawn Eatherton, County Attorney; and Neil Miller, Sheriff.

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.

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.

County Commissioner Greder arrived at 4:08 p.m.

Director of Finance Wendell Wessels presented the following proposed 2018-2019 budget:

The total County share for 2017-2018 was \$884,340 with the total County share for 2018-2019 being \$911,646. This is an increase of \$27,306 or is approximately a 3.09 percent increase from last year. The City's total share for the 2017-2018 was \$725,776 with the total City share for 2018-2019 being \$748,551. This is an increase of \$22,775 or a 3.14 percent increase from last year.

Bookmobile

The total requirement from the County in this budget is \$248,486 Some of the notable expenditures include: (1) Library access control system - \$20,000, and (2) save for bookmobile - \$40,000.

Cottonmill Park

The total tax requirement in this budget for Cottonmill Lake Park is \$505,455.00. There was a credit of \$16,496 which brings the total tax requirement to \$488,959 with the County's portion being \$244,479.50. Some of the notable expenditures include: (1) pave boat ramp/repave existing roads - \$65,000, (2) boat replacement - \$7,000, (3) replace picnic tables, benches and grills - \$5,000 and (4) purchase skid steer with tracks - \$40,000.

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 \$421,436.67 and the City's requirement is \$671,615. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) replace building heating units - \$18,000; (2) paint lower level LEC - \$15,000, (3) replace and update office furnishings - \$10,000; (4) Superior OPS-RMS - \$7,500 and (5) equipment sinking fund - \$10,000.

Peterson Senior Activity Center

The 2017-2018 City of Kearney budget to staff and operate the facility was \$528,990 and the projected 2018-2019 budget is \$592,388. The reason for the increase is more programs and entertainment. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) 100 gallon water heater - \$13,581 and (2) mesh nesting chairs - \$5,000.

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. The 25 year agreement was recently updated in 2017.

County Commissioner Klein asked if the City would be offering the tire recycling program again this year. Tony Jelinek, Director of Utilities, stated yes, the program was recently announced in the Kearney Hub for September 2018 dates.

Council Member Buschkoetter and County Commissioner applauded the partnership between the City and County, primarily through the great example found at the Law Enforcement Center consisting of the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office and the Kearney Police Department.

Sheriff Neil Miller announced that there will be an open house at the Law Enforcement Center on August 12, 2018 to 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to celebrate 25 years of joint partnership at one location, Law Enforcement Center, between the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office and the Kearney Police Department.

Moved by Lear seconded by Lammers to accept the proposed 2018-2019 budget as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Lear, Nikkila, Lammers, Buschkoetter, McMullen, Morrow, Greder, Reiter, Klein. Nay: None. Absent: Clouse, Brayton, Loeffelholz. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

RANDY BUSCHKOETTER
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

LAUREN BRANDT
CITY CLERK