

Kearney, Nebraska
July 9, 2019
7:43 a.m.

A special meeting of the City Council of Kearney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:43 a.m. on July 9, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were: Stanley A. Clouse, President of the Council; Lauren Brandt, City Clerk; Council Members Randy Buschkoetter, Tami James Moore and. Absent: Bruce Lear and Jonathan Nikkila. Michael Morgan, City Manager; Michael Tye, City Attorney; Wendell Wessels, Director of Finance; Jena Bice, Assistant Director of Finance; Eric Hellriegel, Assistant City Manager; Tony Jelinek, Director of Utilities; Rod Wiederspan, Director of Public Works; Bryan Waugh, Chief of Police; Tony Rich, Assistant Fire Chief; Matt Williams, Library Director; Jim Lynaugh, Airport Manager; Nate Mollring, Director of I.T.; Scott Hayden, Park and Recreation Director and Shawna Erbsen, Administrative Services Director were 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.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENT

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 on the wall of the Council Chambers.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2019-2020 BUDGET

Finance Director Wendell Wessels presented an overview of the 2019-2020 budget to include the following:

Comprehensive Fee Schedule Changes

- Administration - Cable occupation tax increased from 5% to 5.5%
- Natural gas occupation tax increased from .0400 to .0450 cents per therm
- Police - Towing charge increased from \$100/\$200 to actual cost
- Library - Added various fees for Makerspace
- Storm Water Utility - Residential monthly fee increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00
- Non-residential monthly fee increased from \$3.00 to \$6.00
- Solid Waste – Collection - Utility rates increased 3%
- Wastewater - Utility rates increased 3%
- Water - Utility rates increased 3%

Airport - Agriculture land cash rents adjusted

Fund Balance

The following Funds do not meet the current Fund Balance Policy:

- Golf Fund deficit - \$263,966 (target is 25% of operating expenses)

Other Notable Items

- Project Honor funding source/use for FY20:
 - Economic Development Fund - \$250,000
 - (Community Services - \$75,000)
 - (Workforce Factors - \$175,000)

VIII. ADJOURN

Moved by Clouse seconded by Moore that Council adjourn at 8:04 a.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Moore, Buschkoetter. Nay: None. Lear and Nikkila absent. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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

**LAUREN BRANDT
CITY CLERK**