

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA**

The Special Budget Meeting of the Lexington City Council was held Tuesday, July 18, 1995, at the Municipal Building, 406 East 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska, at 7:00 A.M. Members of the City Council present were: Mayor Vice President Robert Hawks, Dorothy Anderson, Jerry Long and John Fagot. Mayor John Wightman was absent. City Officials present were: City Manager Bill Podraza and City Clerk Leon E. Malzahn. Department Heads present were: Glenn Hawks, Ann Luther, Vance Bricker, Francine Canfield, Neldene Skwarek and Kerry Rader. The press was represented by the Clipper Herald.

NOTICE:

Notice of the meeting was given in advance, thereof by publication in the Lexington Clipper-Herald, the designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the Council, and a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice and the agenda is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. The proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. All items presented and discussed on the agenda were available for public inspection.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Hawks.

BUDGET REVIEW:

City Manager Podraza presented the changes in departmental budgets reviewed at the previous workshop. These changes were an increase in capital outlay of the nondepartmental budget to accommodate the construction of the school project if the election for August 8, 1995 should pass. This increase amounted to \$2,900,000.00. He further stated that this would be offset by bond proceeds and that no tax money would be used to budget for these costs.

Continuing with the general fund departments, the Grand Generation Center budget increased due to reallocation of employees, utility budget increased

\$500.00 from last year's budget and capital outlay was increased \$1,800.00 for the purchase of a trash receptacle and a cabinet. At this time, the Meals budget was reviewed. The City Manager stated that all expenditures in this budget are offset by donations, grants from Area Aging Council and other federal programs.

Reviewing the Library budget, Mr. Podraza stated that supplies were up \$700.00, capital outlay increased significantly due to the possibility of including a community bulletin board on the computers at the library and the grant for additional computers from the Library Association which one-half of the cost of \$7,000.00 would be paid by the Nebraska Library Association. Other explanation of the City's involvement and the technology committee and the possibility of being on-line with the internet and the community bulletin board was presented to the City Council by Francine Canfield and Leon E. Malzahn.

Reviewing the personnel services and civil defense budgets, City Manager Podraza explained that changes in these two budgets were minimal. However, personnel services had an increase in contractual services and supplies.

Swimming pool budget included more cleaning and the capital outlay for a new pool which would also be offset by bond proceeds if the election scheduled for August 8, 1995 were successful.

Recreation budget included increases in personnel service for additional coordinators to be used for the volleyball program.

Parks budget increases were for playground equipment for Oak Park, for a mower and for picnic tables for general use of the department. Cemetery department basically remained the same and the street department increased in contractual services for tree grinding and the first phase of 13th Street was added to the capital outlay.

In reviewing the general fund totals, City Manager Podraza noted that the budget had increased from

\$3,580,000.00 to \$9,139,000.00. He further stated that this increase was due to the 13th Street project, the inclusion of the school project and the swimming pool in this year's budget and that the cost of these projects and the expenditure of these projects would be off-set by bond proceeds and not affect the tax call.

In conclusion, the last set of figures presented to the council was documents which reflected the estimated property tax request for fiscal year 95-96 which remained the same at \$205,526.00. This figure was composed of a request from the general fund of \$157,971.00 and debt service of \$147,555.00. This total figure matched fiscal year 94-95 request and the estimated valuation of the town however has increased from the 94-95 figure reducing the levy or call for taxes by approximately 10.9%. There was a brief discussion concerning this estimated property tax request.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Vice President Hawks declared the meeting adjourned.

Robert Hawks
Vice President

Leon E. Malzahn
City Clerk

I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Lexington, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the Agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk during regular business hours prior to said meeting: that the Minutes of the Mayor and Council of the City of Lexington, Nebraska, from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Leon E. Malzahn

City Clerk