

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA**

A special budget meeting of the Lexington City Council was held Tuesday, August 5, 1997 at the City Municipal Building, 406 East 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska at 7:00 a.m. Members of the Council present were Mayor John Wightman, John Fagot, Neal Kohl, Rick Klamm, Patty Mandelko. City Officials present were City Clerk Leon Malzahn, City Manager Vance Bricker, City Attorney Will Weinhold. Department Heads present were Glenn Hawks, Ann Luther, Ruth Seward, Barb Mills, Joe Pepplitsch, Chris Huff, Pete Bishop, Jess Bliven Tom Nelson. There were no citizens or press in attendance at the meeting.

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 Mayor Wightman.

**DEPARTMENTAL
BUDGETS:**

City Manager Bricker presented the fiscal year 1997-98 budgets for the Electric Water and Sanitary Sewer Departments to the City Council for their review. While reviewing the Electric Department budget the Council was informed that a rate study should be performed to determine a wheeling rate when deregulation occurs. The City Council was also informed that modifications to the collection procedure and payment for service calls is another option. Upon review of the proposed budget for the Water Department the Council discussed the ability to raise revenue for needed Capital improvements such as new wells and repairs to the infrastructure. The Council was informed that an adjustment to the metered rate is evident to make the installation of meters revenue neutral. The Sanitary Sewer budgets were reviewed and as in the Water Department they also needed an adjustment to the rates. City Manager Bricker informed the Council that other Municipalities in Dawson County have higher or will have higher rates than Lexington when improvements to their treatment plants are complete.

Upon completion of these presentations and review of other budgets that are of the fiduciary nature there was no further action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor John Wightman declared the meeting adjourned.

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.

Lexington City Clerk