



Jim Brownlee, CPA, City Administrator  
Sharon Schacher, City Finance Director  
Dorinda Anderson, Business Development Director

The West Fargo City Commission met on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, to discuss the 2008 Budget. Those present were Rich Mattern, Brenda Warren, Bryan Schulz, Lou Bennett and Mark Simmons. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

City Auditor James Brownlee appeared before the Commission on the 2008 Budget and advised that with the corrections and additions from last meeting, the 2008 Budget now shows a .01 mill increase.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised that City Prosecutors Kennelly and O'Keeffe have requested an additional \$12,000 in the budget in order to have a prosecutor present every Wednesday for Court rather than just Trial days. Attorneys Tim O'Keeffe and Chris Kennelly and Captain Michael Reitan also appeared before the Commission. City Auditor Jim Brownlee also advised that in a conversation with Municipal Judge Susan Bailey she felt that a \$12,000 increase should then also be included in the Court Appointed Attorney line item in order to have the Court Appointed Attorney present every Wednesday. City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised these additions would reflect a .41 mill increase. After discussion, it was agreed that \$12,000 could be included for the Prosecuting Attorneys but no increase for the Court Appointed Attorney. City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised the \$12,000 for the prosecutors would reflect a .21 mill increase.

The West Fargo Marketing Proposal Cost Estimates from Business Development Director Dorinda Anderson were reviewed by the Commission. It was agreed that \$6,400 for the listed items should be included in the 2008 Budget.

The request from Healthy Communities Partnership for \$20,000 was reviewed. It was agreed this amount should be included in the 2008 Budget.

It was agreed that the Preliminary Budget could be approved at this meeting and City Auditor Jim Brownlee could review for potential cuts prior to the next Budget Meeting.

The next meeting to discuss the 2008 Budget is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2007, immediately following the City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Schulz left the meeting at this time.

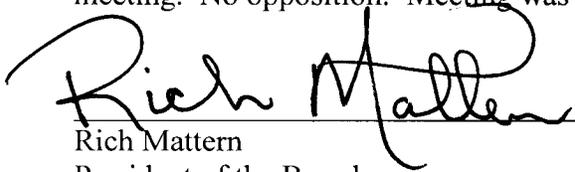
The Public Works Department Organizational Chart was reviewed.

Sanitation Budget Revenues and Expenditures were discussed. City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised there is no request for a rate increase for garbage next year.

Sewer and Water Revenues and Expenditures were discussed. City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised there is a recommendation for a \$.50 per gallon increase for water in 2008 and another \$.50 per gallon increase in 2009. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Warren seconded to approve the \$.50 per gallon increase to begin January 1, 2008, and another \$.50 per gallon increase to begin January 1, 2009, and authorize City Attorney Brian Neugebauer to prepare the ordinance. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the 2008 Preliminary Budget with expenditures of \$25,712,743, and to set the Public Hearing to adopt the 2008 Budget for October 1, 2007, at 5:45 PM. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Warren moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to adjourn the meeting. No opposition. Meeting was adjourned.



Rich Mattern  
President of the Board



James Brownlee  
City Auditor