



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

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, August 4, 2008, to discuss the 2009 Budget. Those present were Rich Mattern, Bryan Schulz, Mark Simmons and Mike Thorstad. Absent was Lou Bennett. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

City Auditor James Brownlee appeared before the Commission on the 2009 Budget.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised Staff recommends that a \$.50 Forestry Fee be added to the Utility Bills to cover mowing and maintenance and that he has been in contact with Park District regarding maintenance. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to approve the addition of \$.50 to the utility bills as a Forestry Fee. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee was asked to contact the School District to see if they would be willing to work with the City and Park District.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee reviewed the General Fund Revenue.

The Court Budget was reviewed.

The Finance Budget was reviewed.

The Assessor's Budget was reviewed.

The Economic Development Budget was reviewed. City Auditor Jim Brownlee pointed out an increase in Marketing for updating of the commercial for the City and updating the Economic Development web page information.

The Non-Departmental Budget was reviewed. City Auditor Jim Brownlee pointed out that Healthy Community (now called Metro Youth Partnership) budgeted amount of \$20,000 was eliminated from the budget since he did not feel there was a benefit to the City. Planning Director Larry Weil advised that the Transit budget amount was increased due to increased gas prices.

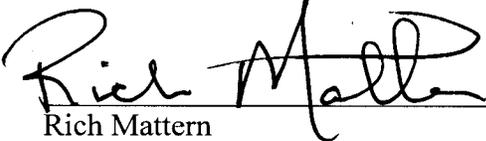
The Planning Department Budget was reviewed. City Auditor Jim Brownlee stated that Part Time Salaries had been included for \$4,800 due to Planning Director Larry Weil's request for an intern during the summer.

The Police Department Budget was reviewed. City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised that Police Chief Arland Rasmussen had requested two new employees (Lieutenant position and officer to replace volunteer Brad Berg) but the Officer to replace Brad Berg had been removed from the budget.

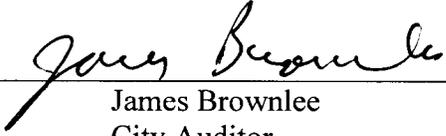
The Street Department Budget was reviewed. City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised that part time salaries had been removed and placed in the new Forestry account. Public Works Director Barry Johnson also appeared before the Commission and agreed that the Forestry budget of \$53,100 would cover the part time salaries and the two mowers.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised that the next Budget Meeting will include review of the Special Funds, Fire Department, Library and Airport. The meeting will be held immediately following the August 18, 2008 City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to adjourn the meeting. No opposition. Meeting was adjourned.



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor