



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

The West Fargo City Commission met on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, to discuss the 2009 Budget. Those present were Rich Mattern, Bryan Schulz, Lou Bennett, Mark Simmons and Mike Thorstad. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised that \$20,000 had been removed from the 2009 Budget for Metro Youth Partnership (Healthy Community) and Barry Nelson, Executive Director of Metro Youth Partnership, is appearing before the Commission to request funding in 2009. Executive Director Barry Nelson and a representative of VISTA appeared to ask that the Commission consider at least funds of \$5,000 in the 2009 Budget.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised that the GIS Coordinator salary had been removed from the Building Fund and corrected budget information was provided to the Commission.

Health and Sanitation Revenue and Expenditure Budgets were reviewed. City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised that \$10,825 additional revenues have been included in the budget for total revenue of \$1,644,525 and that the \$85,000 Recycling Truck and \$120,000 Garbage Truck had been removed from the Budget for a total expenditure budget of \$1,644,525.

Commissioner Thorstad suggested that the Commission review fees charged in Sanitation.

The Sewer and Water Revenue and Expenditure Budgets were reviewed. City Auditor Jim Brownlee stated that the City Commission could consider additional transfer funds from Sewer and Water which would decrease the mills.

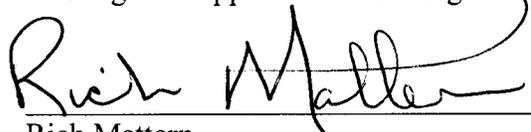
A discussion was held on ideas to reduce the mill increase with the following options: Increase Transfer from Sewer and Water, Spend Down Reserves, reduce budgets according to Commissioner Thorstad's proposal.

A discussion was held on the new Janitor Position in the Sewer and Water Budget. Public Works Director Barry Johnson advised that the Janitor Position would be for all facilities, not just the new Public Works Building.

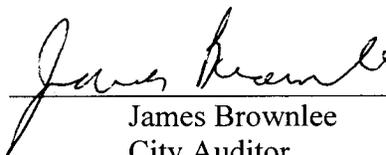
A discussion was held on Barry Nelson's request for 2009 funding for the Metro Youth Partnership. It was the consensus of the Commission that no funds would be allocated in the budget for 2009.

Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the 2009 Preliminary Budget with no mill levy increase and to set the Public Hearing to adopt the 2009 Budget for September 29, 2008, at 5:45 PM. No opposition. Motion carried.

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



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor