



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

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, August 17, 2009, at 6:20 PM to discuss the 2010 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 congratulated Police Chief Arland Rasmussen for the Lone Eagle Award that was presented to him.

City Auditor James Brownlee reviewed the Health and Sanitation Budget. Public Works Director Barry Johnson and Assistant Public Works Director Chris Brungardt also appeared before the Commission. A discussion was held on the recycling program with Waste Management and volume based garbage service. Police Chief Arland Rasmussen stated that he felt the current Sanitation Department is a great service to the citizens of West Fargo and recommended the current program.

City Auditor James Brownlee reviewed the Sewer and Water Operating Budget and advised that the budget included one new employee (electrician). A discussion was held on the watering of trees in medians and whether equipment should be purchased for watering and included in this budget. Public Works Director Barry Johnson advised that he would discuss this with the City Forester and come back to the City Commission with a recommendation. Sewer and Water Revenue Budget Report was reviewed.

City Auditor James Brownlee presented the West Fargo Capital Improvement Plan for the Years 2010-2014. After discussion, City Auditor James Brownlee recommended that a request for an extra cent be placed on the ballot next June and allocated to water treatment facilities.

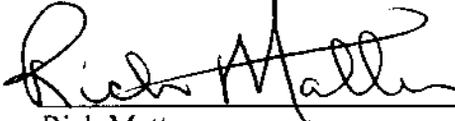
A discussion was held on the 1.15 mill levy increase for the 2010 budget. City Auditor James Brownlee agreed to provide at the next meeting, budget information to the Commission if there were a 3 mill increase for 2010 to allow for contingency reserve and avoid such a huge mill increase the following year.

City Auditor James Brownlee advised that the next budget meeting will be to review any cuts in the 2010 budget, discuss the reserve fund and set the preliminary budget.

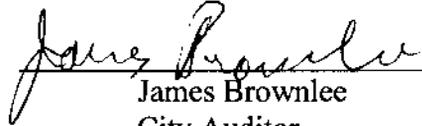
Commissioner Thorstad asked about the policy on donations from the City. A discussion was held and City Auditor James Brownlee is to ask City Attorney Brian Neugebauer to prepare a Resolution to set a policy to only fund organizations that the city can draw a direct benefit for the citizens.

The next Budget Meeting will be held immediately following the August 31, 2009 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