



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

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, July 12, 2010, at 5:30 PM to discuss the 2011 Budget. Those present were Rich Mattern, Lou Bennett, Mark Simmons, Mike Thorstad and Duane Hanson. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Auditor James Brownlee appeared before the Commission to review the 2011 Preliminary Budget which includes a 1% cost of living salary increase and a step for eligible employees, one new Patrol Officer and two new positions for the Sanitation Department. The equipment requests were reviewed for the Commission. City Auditor James Brownlee also stated that the Sanitation Revenue includes a proposed \$1.00 increase per month for garbage pick-up. The preliminary budget mill increase is 1.20 which is \$5.20 on a \$100,000 home.

The Court Budget was reviewed.

The Finance Budget was reviewed. Retirement payout was explained.

The Assessor's Budget was reviewed. Technology requests were explained.

The Business Development Budget was reviewed.

The Non-Departmental Budget was reviewed. City Auditor James Brownlee reviewed the line items for the new Senior Citizen Center, Inspections & Building Permits, Chamber of Commerce and Cultural Diversity Contribution.

The Planning Department Budget was reviewed.

The Police Department Budget was reviewed. Police Chief Arland Rasmussen appeared before the Commission. Line items for Equipment, Special Investigations, K-9, Stationary Radar Board and Southside PD Station were reviewed. City Auditor James Brownlee advised that the 2011 Police Department Budget reflects a 5% increase from 2010. Commissioner Thorstad commended the Police Department for their detailed report.

The Street Department Budget was reviewed.

City Auditor James Brownlee reviewed the General Fund Revenue which indicates a 10% increase mostly from Police Department grants.

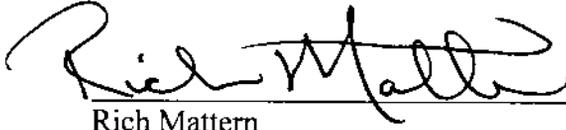
A discussion was held on the General Fund Reserve.

Commissioner Mattern left the meeting at this time and turned the meeting over to Vice President Mark Simmons.

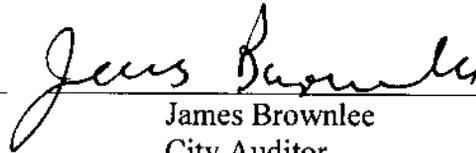
Commissioner Hanson asked if the Commission had a philosophy for future cash on hand. A discussion was held.

The next Budget Meeting will be held Monday, July 26, 2010 at 5:30 PM.

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



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor



Mark Simmons
Vice President of the Board