



The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, July 16, 2012, to discuss the 2013 Budget. Those present were Lou Bennett, Mark Simmons, Mike Thorstad and Duane Hanson. Absent was Rich Mattern. The meeting was called to order by Duane Hanson, Vice President of the Board.

City Auditor James Brownlee appeared before the Commission to review the 2013 Preliminary Budget.

The Court Budget was reviewed. Since a 22% salary increase was requested by Judge Bailey, the Commission asked City Auditor James Brownlee and Finance Director Tina Gustafson to make a comparison with Municipal Judge salaries in other cities.

The Finance Budget was reviewed. City Auditor James Brownlee stated there is a request for one new employee for 2013. City Auditor James Brownlee also explained the Retirement increases in the budget.

The Assessor's Budget was reviewed.

The Economic Development Budget was reviewed.

The Human Resource Budget was reviewed.

The Non-Departmental Budget was reviewed. Assistant Police Chief Michael Reitan appeared before the Commission on the Senior Citizen Center to advise that a Program Coordinator position will be filled and that they are applying as a Non-Profit organization.

The Planning Department Budget was reviewed.

The Police Department Budget was reviewed. City Auditor James Brownlee stated there is a request for two new employees (one SRO and one officer). Police Chief Arland Rasmussen appeared before the Commission on the Technology line item and the Capitalized Assets.

The Street Department was reviewed. City Auditor James Brownlee stated there is a request for two new employees for the Street Department. City Auditor James Brownlee also stated that Public Works Director Barry Johnson and Eric Hanson have prepared an equipment replacement plan for budget purposes.

City Auditor James Brownlee reviewed the General Fund Revenue.

City Auditor James Brownlee reviewed the Special Revenue Funds.

The next Budget Meeting will be held immediately following the City Commission Meeting on August 6, 2012.

The Meeting was adjourned.



Duane Hanson
Vice President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor