



The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, July 15, 2013, to discuss the 2014 Budget. Those present were Rich Mattern, Mark Simmons, Mike Thorstad, Duane Hanson and Mark Wentz. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

City Auditor James Brownlee appeared before the Commission to review the 2014 Preliminary Budget which reflects an overall 4% increase.

The Court Budget was reviewed. City Auditor James Brownlee reviewed Judge Bailey's request for salary of \$36,000 or \$29,745 + COL + \$5,000 annuity (or some other tax deferred option). After discussion, the Commission agreed that since Judge Bailey is an elected official the pay scale will continue as in the past and there would be no change in salary except for a 2% cost of living increase.

The Assessor's Budget was reviewed which includes a new Commercial Assessor position. City Assessor Wanda Wilcox and IT Director James Anderson appeared before the Commission on the Technology line item of the budget, and a discussion was held on Business Software Inc. (BSI) and Vanguard software for the Assessing Department. It was agreed that further discussion will be held on this line item prior to finalization of the 2014 Budget.

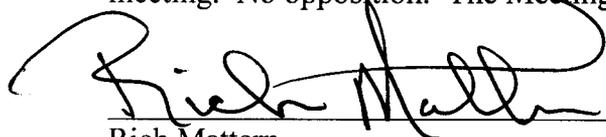
The Non-Departmental Budget was reviewed. City Auditor James Brownlee reviewed Attorneys Fees, State Audit Fees and Fargo Public Health line items. He also advised there were no changes to Line Items #658 – 945 of the Non-Departmental Budget.

The Police Department Budget was reviewed. City Auditor James Brownlee reviewed Line Items for Police Cars, Training Facility and Rifles/Equipment.

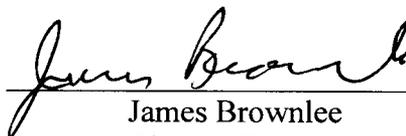
The Street Department Budget was reviewed. City Auditor James Brownlee reviewed Line Item #870, Capitalized Assets. A discussion was held on Line item #377, Snow/Ice Treatment, in the amount of \$60,000. Public Works Director Barry Johnson and Assistant Public Works Director Chris Brungardt appeared before the Commission. Public Works Director Barry Johnson advised that Line Item #394, Gravel and Mix, can be reduced from \$100,000 to \$60,000 if \$60,000 is approved for Line Item #377.

City Auditor James Brownlee advised that the next two Budget Meetings will include Special Funds and Enterprise Funds. The next Budget Meeting will be held July 29, 2013 immediately following the City Commission Meeting.

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



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor