

July 7, 2008

Colleen Paden, Mayor, called a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Stanton, Nebraska to order on July 7, 2008 at 8:35 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. The Mayor announced to the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall by the door. Council Members answering roll call: Ray Wolf Jr., Jody Caldwell, Rolland Lorensen, Jay Spence. Also present were: Pam Fuerhoff, Clint Stewart, Carol Armbruster, Laura Hess, and Nancy Morfeld (who recorded the minutes).

A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to cancel the council meeting on July 17, 2008 due to conflicts of the council. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Wolf, Spence, Lorensen, Caldwell. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on changes to the draft budget. The budget shows that income will be approximately \$800,745.00 and expenses will be \$825,500.00. Changes to the budget will include the following: Administration \$135,000 – add extra \$2500 for audit increase, increase interlocal agreement with county for planning by \$500, add \$1,000 for uniform expense – for a total budget of \$139,000; Streets \$221,500 – add \$15,000 for payloader payment, eliminate \$5,500 for overtime by requiring guys to take off the next day if working overtime, lower concrete work by \$2,000, lower contracts by \$2,000, lower repairs by others by \$1,000, lower gravel by \$1,000, lower shop supplies by \$1,000, lower armor coating by \$3,000 – for a total budget of \$221,500; Emergency Management \$2,200 – add extra \$300 for equipment repair – for a total budget of \$2,500; Rescue - \$14,000 – no changes; Fire - \$24,000 – increase fire chief salary to \$2,000; lower life insurance by \$2,000 due to lower premium – for a total budget of \$24,000; Police - \$88,800 – no changes; Pool \$46,000 – add engineering expense of \$2,000 and lower supplies by \$2,000 – for a total budget of \$46,000; Park \$100,000 – lower property improvements by \$10,000 – for a total budget of \$90,000; Library \$69,000 – add \$10,000 as requested by board, add \$5,250 for wage increase – for a total budget of \$84,250; Golf \$125,000 – no changes, with funding of \$35,000 from city funds and \$90,000 from golf course income; Final Preliminary Budget figures are income \$800,745 and expenses \$835,050. This will use \$34,305 from reserve funds.

Discussion was held on setting wages for employees. Wages will be set by ordinance at the August meeting – with wages set as follows: Golf Superintendent 4% increase - \$.64, Water Commissioner 4% increase - \$.64, Sewer Commissioner 4% increase - \$.58, City Clerk 4% increase - \$.66, Street Commissioner 4% - \$.55, Park Superintendent / Asst Water & Sewer 4% increase - \$.55; City Treasurer - \$.90 increase, Library Director - \$2.10 increase, and Library Assistant - \$1.21 increase. Increases are per hour raise. Part time help will increase to minimum wage as required and returning help next summer will increase \$.50 per hour.

Discussion was held on utilities budget. The water budget shows that income will be approximately \$218,900 and expenses will be \$229,500. This will leave a reserve balance of \$174,000. The city has two sewer main projects that need to be completed. The sewer budget shows that income will be approximately \$273,600 and expenses will be 282,000. An ordinance will be developed to add \$2.00 to the basic sewer rate. The increase in rates will increase income by \$14,400 to \$288,000. This will leave a reserve balance of \$6,000 to fund repairs.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm. Council Member Caldwell seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Caldwell, Spence, Wolf. Motion carried.

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the City Council at the July 7, 2008 meeting; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the Agenda for the meeting, held continually current and available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, that such subjects were contained in the agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting, that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by the members of the public; that said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said Body; that all news media notification concerning meetings of said Body were provided notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Nancy A. Morfeld, City Clerk

Colleen M. Paden, Mayor

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