

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
August 25, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Budget Discussion Meeting of the City Council of the City of Nebraska City was conducted in the Gary White Memorial Room of the ROWE Safety Complex 1518 Central Ave, on August 25, 2023. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in at least three public places, the designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance to the media, Mayor and Commissioners of this proceeding and said meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Bequette called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held. Mayor Bryan Bequette then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following answered present: Ron Osovski, Patrick Wehling, Joe Chaney, Cole Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Absent: None. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Perry Mader, Construction and Facility Manager Marty Stovall, Police Chief David Lacy, Utilities Director Jeff Kohrs, City Treasurer Katie Drake-Heng and City Clerk Randy Dunster.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Osovski to approve minutes from the August 21, 2023 City Council Meeting. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Sharp, Wehling, Chaney and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

At 9:29 AM Council went into recess until 11:00 AM so budget numbers could be updated. Council resumed at 11:04 AM with all Commissions present.

Moved by Commissioner Sharp and seconded by Chaney to approve the budgetary base increase of 2 ½%. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Sharp, Wehling, Chaney and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Sharp and seconded by Wehling to approve the additional budget increase of 1% for a total of 3 ½%. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Sharp, Wehling, Chaney and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Council provided unanimous consent to drop the levy rate to 27 cents which would put our property tax at \$1,309,500.00, to include all of the Equipment Requests and Capital Improvement Projects of \$276,766.35 into the budget and move the difference out of operational reserves to cover the deficit this budget year and to pull \$123,823.22 out of Operational Reserves, and to also draw down Operational Reserves by moving \$200,000 to Equipment Reserves and to revisit our reserves again in November.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:12 P.M.

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I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Nebraska City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said 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 members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted 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 requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Randy Dunster, City Clerk