

**Kearney, Nebraska**  
**July 17, 2013**  
**4:00 p.m.**

A Joint City/County Budget Meeting of the City Council of Kearney, Nebraska and the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors was convened in open and public session at 4:00 p.m. on July 17, 2013 in the in the Peterson Senior Activity Center, 2020 West 11th Street, Kearney, Nebraska. Present were: Mayor Stanley A. Clouse; Council Members Randy Buschkoetter. County Supervisors present: Chairman William McMullen, Joe Brayton, Sherry Morrow, Dennis Reiter, Francis Biehl. Absent: Bob Lammers, Bruce Lear, Jonathan Nikkila, Kent Greder, and Ivan Klein. City Staff present: Michael Morgan, City Manager; Michaelle Trembly, City Clerk; Wendell Wessels, Director of Finance; Michael Tye, City Attorney; Suzanne Brodine, Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director; Kirk Stocker, Director of Utilities; Scott Hayden, Park & Recreation Director; Matthew Williams, Library Director; and Julie Steffensmeier, Executive Assistant. County Staff present: Jan Giffin, County Clerk; Neil Miller, Sheriff; Shawn Eatherton, County Attorney.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Kearney Hub, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment or receipt of such notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and City Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Clouse announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted in the room.

Director of Finance Wendell Wessels presented the following proposed 2013-2014 budget:

The total County share for 2012-2013 was \$759,661 with the total County share for 2013-2014 being \$764,072. This is an increase of \$4,411 or is approximately a .58 percent increase from last year. The City's total share for the 2012-2013 was \$616,526 with the total City share for 2013-2014 being \$659,849. This is an increase of \$43,323 or a 7.03 percent increase from last year.

### **Cottonmill Park**

The total tax requirement in this budget for Cottonmill Lake Park is \$426,180 with the County and City portion being 50 percent each or \$205,915. There was a credit of \$14,350 which was a result of the 2012-2013 budgeted amount of \$455,050 minus the actual expenditure of \$449,600. Some of the notable expenditures include: (1) facilities improvements - \$7,000, (2) group shelter at lodge - \$35,000, (3) replace 2004 John Deere mower - \$22,000, (4) replace picnic tables/benches - \$5,000, (5) boat replacement - \$5,000, and (6) 3-point tractor/hydraulic equipment - \$5,000.

The question was asked on the condition of the Nature Barn. Director of Park & Recreation Scott Hayden stated staff has done some work done out there but the building is in good condition.

### **Bookmobile**

The total requirement from the County in this budget is \$222,875. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) ScanPro 2000 microfilm reader/printer - \$10,135, and (2) save for bookmobile (9 of 10) - \$90,000.

### **Law Enforcement Center**

The Law Enforcement Center includes: County Attorney Information Technology, Police Records Services, Police Evidence, Police Building, and Police Data Processing. The total requirement from the County on this budget is \$342,780.67 and the City's requirement is \$584,849.16. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) replace heating/cooling unit - \$10,000; (2) OSSI Project (save for) - \$250,533; (3) replace/update office furnishings - \$15,000.

### **Emergency Management**

The City and County entered into an agreement for the purpose of providing emergency management services to both the City and the County. Buffalo County agreed to employ the Emergency Management Director as a full-time employee and will fund this position. The Emergency Management Director shall act in an advisory capacity only to the City of Kearney.

### **Prosecution Services**

This agreement has been entered into between the City and County for prosecuting services. The City currently reimburses the County in the amount of \$75,000 annually for these services.

### **Vehicle Gasoline Purchase**

The City, County, School and ESU entered into an interlocal agreement to provide for the purchasing of gasoline.

### **Airport Road Re-location Financing**

The City and County entered into an interlocal agreement setting forth the specifics of the County's agreement to reimburse the City for all construction costs with reference to the relocation of Airport Road and any road improvements along Highway 30. The current estimated cost for the road portion of the project is \$1,275,000. The City, at the request of Buffalo County, has agreed to oversee the road improvements with the County to reimburse the City for the cost by paying the annual debt service for a period of twenty (20) years.

**Peterson Senior Activity Center**

The 2012-2013 City of Kearney budget to staff and operate the facility was \$315,662 and the projected 2013-2014 budget is \$372,942. The reason for the increase is more programs and entertainment. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) hearing loop for classroom - \$5,935; and (2) hearing loop for dining room - \$7,981. The County had previously agreed to pay \$15,000 to go towards these items at the Center.

Moved by McMullen seconded by Buschkoetter to accept the proposed 2013-2014 budget as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Buschkoetter, McMullen, Biehl, Morrow, Brayton, Reiter. Nay: None. Absent: Lammers, Lear, Nikkila, Klein, Greder. Motion carried.

The City thanked the County for their support and partnership with regard to the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home. The City and County continue to have a great working relationship which has been recognized throughout the state.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Buschkoetter seconded by Morrow that the meeting adjourn at 4:14 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Buschkoetter, McMullen, Morrow, Reiter, Biehl, Brayton. Nay: None. Absent: Lear, Nikkila, Lammers, Greder, Klein. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

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**STANLEY A. CLOUSE  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR**

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**MICHAELLE E. TREMBLY  
CITY CLERK**