

Proceedings of the Budget Meeting held August 20, 2013

Location: Hokah Fire Station

When: August 20, 2013 at 5:00 PM

Members Present: Mayor Pro Term Martell and Council Members Kim Fordahl, Judy Lonkoski, Matt Vetsch.

Absent: Mayor Scholze (Participated by phone at 5:10 pm)

Others Present: Rod Blank City Administrator, Doug Moen City Clerk / Treasurer, Barb Bissen Librarian.

Mayor Pro Term convened the meeting at 5:00.

Motion by Fordahl second by Lonkoski rollcall all approve to accept minutes of the August 13, 2013 Budget Meeting.

Clerk Moen explained that the content of the budget did not include an increase in taxes and at last year's Levy a budget surplus of approx. \$42,000.00.

Discussion regarding disposal of snow blower that fits the old tractor, wing from old dump truck and buying a snow blower for the Bobcat and purchasing a UTV and a floor scrubber.

Motion by Vetsch second by Forhahl rollcall all approve to purchase UTV, Bobcat mounted snow blower, floor scrubber, sell current tractor blower. Administrator Blank estimates approx. \$18,000. Decision to utilize Municipal Leasing with Mid-America Leasing for the purchases.

Barb Bissen requests funds of \$400.00 for brochures, and an increase to the Library Budget of \$1,000.00 and the included in budget as presented three percent COLA for Employees.

Motion by Scholze to accept the Budget as presented, minus the three percent COLA, minus requested \$1,000.00 by Library. Martell calls for a second. Failed for second, not carried.

Lonkoski motions for a 1.5% COLA, and increase of \$1,000 to Library Budget. Discussion by Fordahl to Bissen regarding funds that the City supplies to the Library are over the amount that the City is mandated to contribute and asks Bissen to explain that to people who ask her. Second by Martell rollcall Vetsch, Fordahl, Martell, Lonkoski yes. Scholze no. Motion carried.

City Clerk Moen clarifies: The Levy remains at \$295,583. Library Budget increases \$1,000 and General Fund decreases \$1,000.00.

Discussion from Fordahl and Martell that the City needs to focus it's energy and funds away from the Library/City Hall in the future. Further discussion for Departments to make purchases less than \$500.00 on their best discretion.

Motion to adjourn by Scholze, second by Vetsch at 6:20 pm.

ATTEST

Rodney G. Blank, City Administrator