

Unapproved Minutes
Council Budget Session
August 11, 2014
Monday - 5:15 p.m.

The special budget session of the City Council, City of Vermillion, South Dakota was called to order on Monday, August 11, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. at the City Hall large conference room.

1. Roll Call

Present: Collier-Wise, Erickson, Holland, Clarene Meins, Holly Meins, Price, Willson, Mayor Powell

Absent: Ward

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

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Alderman Willson moved approval of the agenda. Alderman Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried 8 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

4. Discussion of extending the August 12, 2014 date for submission of proposals to manage the City's off-sale liquor license.

John Prescott, City Manager, reported that following the July 21st noon meeting discussion on the liquor store management agreement and store lease, requests for proposals were hand delivered to the three local businesses that had previously expressed interest along with posting the information on the City web site. John stated that he requested the proposals by August 12th at 5:00 p.m. to allow time for the proposals to be presented to the City Council. John stated that last week a request for a 30 day extension was received from one of the parties that had expressed interest in submitting a proposal. John stated that he provided the request to the Council members and was looking for direction on what they would like to do with the extension request. Discussion followed on the due date with the consensus that proposals will be due on August 27th at 5:00 p.m. John stated that he would pass this information along to individuals that had indicated they were interested.

5. Budget Workshop

John Prescott, City Manager, provided an overview of the budget noting that the budget presented should serve as the starting point for the process to develop the 2015 budget. John stated that the Prentis Park Improvement project is not included in the budget as the general obligation bond financing will be voted on by the citizens at the November 4th general election. He stated that the budget hearings are to provide the Council with the information about the budget to allow them to make the decisions needed to finalize the 2015 budget and also lists proposed changes in the 2014 budget. John reviewed some of the items for the budget noting that a 2% electric rate increase was included based upon reports from our supplemental power supplier that will be confirmed at the regional meetings later this fall. An increase in water rates was already approved by the City Council for the water tower project of 2.5%. Wastewater has a 2% increase for the improvements planned/debt service. John noted that the 2015 general fund budget includes the addition of a half time position in the Fire Department for inspections and increased the hours for the library aid position from 500 to 1,000. John noted that the liquor store budget was included for 2015 based upon past operations and noted that once the City Council finalizes a contract the budget would need to be updated. John noted that the two union contracts extend through 2015 and call for a 2.5% increase which has been used for all employees. John noted that the minimum wage ballot measure that proposes to raise the minimum wage from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per hour was not included in the budget presented as it will be voted on at the November 4th general election. John reviewed some of the items included in the 2015 proposed budget.

The Council started the review of the 2015 proposed budget, as well as revisions to the 2014 budget, by reviewing the following sections of the budget with the City Manager and department heads: E911 Fund - Emergency Communications; Public Safety and Security - Police Administration and Investigation, Police Patrol, Fire and Rescue, Emergency Management, Ambulance; Utility Funds - Wastewater, Water; Equipment Replacement Fund; Policy and Administration - Engineering, Old Library Maintenance, Old Landfill Maintenance, Airport, Stormwater Collection Fund, Capital Projects Funds; Special Funds - BBB Fund, Second Penny Sales Tax Fund, BID #1; Outside Organizations requests included in the BBB sales tax fund and general fund. Discussion followed on the outside agency requests noting the budget hearings will continue on August 14th.

5. Adjourn

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Alderman Holland moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:51 p.m. Alderman Clarene Meins seconded the motion. Motion carried 8 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 11th day of August, 2014.

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BY _____

John E. (Jack) Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____

Michael D. Carlson, Finance Officer

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