

Special Council Meeting / Budget Workshop

June 28, 2022 7:00PM

Mayor Scott Schultz called the special meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Council Members David Butler, Kale Dankenbring, Amanda Milne, Dara Carmichael, and Larry Finley. Also present were Interim City Superintendent Dan Blair, City Clerk Lila Whitmore and Assistant City Clerk Leann Lee.

Lila worked with Danielle Hollingshead with AdamsBrown to prepare an initial draft budget. The Council reviewed all line items in the General, Utility, Sewer, and Refuse funds and Lila provided details. The allocation for the Cheyenne County Development Corporation was increased to \$30,991 with the increase being designated towards the cost of benefits for the CCDC Director. The Council also increased the allocations for Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center and Options Domestic Violence to \$2,000 each in 2023. The total allocations for community services organizations will remain at \$5,000. There were adjustments made to budgeted expenses to account for the increases in the cost of gas/oil, chemicals, fertilizer, equipment expenses, and street repairs as well as projected cost of living increases. The Council discussed the sick leave payout policy as any changes made would impact the budget. The Council decided not to make any changes to the policy at this time and will revisit the use of sick leave as personal leave at a later time. The Council wants to keep the mill levy as close as possible to what it was last year which will require additional transfers into the general fund from the utility funds.

Lila will submit the budget to Danielle who will calculate the mill levy and make any other necessary adjustments. The budget will be reviewed again at the July 11 meeting.

It was moved by Amanda and seconded by Dara to adjourn the budget workshop meeting. Motion passed.

City Clerk