

MINUTE RECORD

No. 729—REDFIELD & COMPANY, INC., OMAHA

LA VISTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP JULY 13, 2010

A meeting of the City Council of the City of La Vista, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on July 13, 2010. Present were Mayor Kindig and Councilmembers Sell, Ronan, Sheehan, Carlisle, Quick, Ellerbeck, Crawford and Gowan. Absent: None. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gunn, Assistant City Administrator Ramirez, Police Chief Lausten, Fire Chief Uhl, Public Works Director Soucie, Public Building & Grounds Director Archibald, Finance Director Lindberg, Library Director Iwan, Community Development Director Birch, Recreation Director Stopak, and City Clerk Buethe.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Times on July 1, 2010. Notice was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of the acknowledgment of the receipt of notice attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the Mayor and City Council in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Further, all subjects included in said proceedings were contained in the agenda for said meeting which is kept continuously current and available for public inspection at City Hall during normal business hours.

I. CALL TO ORDER II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kindig called the meeting to order and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOCATION OF POSTED OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Kindig made an announcement of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference.

IV. BUDGET REVIEWS

Sewer Fund

Finance Director Lindberg stated that the City will be collecting fees in the ETJ east of I-80 and in 2011 will expand to 144th west of I-80. Discussion is ongoing with Omaha and the United Cities of Sarpy County regarding fees. This year the rates will include an 8% increase.

Public Works Director Soucie stated that the sewer maintenance budget does not have any significant increases. The vehicle being replaced will go to public buildings and grounds to replace a vehicle that is no longer road worthy. The compressor will replace the 1982 air compressor. Discussion was held regarding MUD's charges to us.

Councilmember Gowan asked what the reason was for seasonal in the sewer department. Soucie explained that they keep the old treatment plant and inlet areas trimmed and cleaned and they work under the direction of the Parks Superintendant.

Bond Fund

Lindberg provided an overview of the Bond Fund. Lindberg stated that future fiscal years will be critical as the debt payments move from the lottery fund to the bond fund as the lottery fund will no longer be able to support the total principal and interest payments for the Library, Police Station, and District 2 Fire Station. Lindberg will be working with our fiscal agent to look at refinancing some bond debt for sustainability of the bond fund.

Capital Improvement Program

Assistant City Administrator Ramirez stated that there were few changes to the CIP since Council received a draft in early spring. The Portal Greenway project should have been in the original draft as it was missed due to a change in the name to the Apple Creek project. The City match is \$158,000.00. Some things have been moved farther out since the spring meeting. Funding is included for the first phase of 84th Street along with new projects such as Harrison Street and lights at the Sports Complex. Carryover projects include planning for District 1 Fire Station, ongoing street repair projects, and minimal park projects. Mayor Kindig asked if staff is recommending the Apple Creek project. Ramirez stated that staff is recommending this. Mayor Kindig asked if this is just to stabilize the banks. Soucie stated that

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it is. Mayor Kindig asked where the trail system is. Ramirez stated that will come after the stabilization

Councilmember Crawford asked what the status is on 66th Street. Soucie stated that they are working to change the classification from local to collector road in order to get funding.

Councilmember Sell stated that it appears the CIP is becoming a wish list. Gunn stated that is true but this way Council can see what is out there and Sell agreed that is important.

Lottery Fund

Finance Director Lindberg stated that Lottery revenue this year is higher than projected but still low due to changes in the last contract. Lindberg stated that transfers to the General fund are for ICSC and for 50% of the Community Relations Coordinators salary. The funding is provided for La Vista Daze from this fund. Councilmember Carlisle asked if Council is in favor of continuing to lead and fund La Vista Daze. Councilmembers Sheehan, Ellerbeck, Sell, and Gowan commented that they heard many good things and were in favor of continuing this.

Golf Fund

Lindberg stated that projections show an increase of \$5,000 in proceeds in the current fiscal year. The final payment for the golf course will be in 2013. Salaries in the golf fund are set at the 2.5% base with a 20% increase in health insurance and a 10% increase in Dental Insurance.

Stopak reviewed the Golf Clubhouse budget with Council. An increase is being requested for five new carts to replace the 2001/2002 models series.

Soucie reviewed the Golf Course maintenance budget with Council. He stated the increase requested in buildings and grounds is for the annual purchase of replacement fairway nets. The turbine blower used during top-dressing operations can also be used for other debris removal at the golf course and parks.

Economic Development Fund

Gunn stated that a transfer from the General fund in the amount of \$600,000.00 is recommended as it will help to lessen the transfer in future years. Funds were requested for future Economic Development opportunities.

Off-Street Parking Fund

Soucie reviewed the Off Street Parking budget with Council. Soucie stated that there are no changes from last year. He will be looking at the cost/benefit analysis for having mowing/snow removal services contracted in comparison with in-house.

Mayor Kindig asked if the trucks were causing less damage to the islands. Soucie stated that it is better but many trucks still go through the wrong area and catch islands.

V. FOLLOW UP FROM JULY 12

Fire Chief Uhl will have the turnout gear replacement schedule available at the August 3rd meeting and a sample resident program.

Councilmember Carlisle motioned to add \$5,000.00 for turnout gear. Seconded by Councilmember Sheehan. Councilmembers voting aye: Sell, Ronan, Quick, Sheehan, Carlisle, Ellerbeck, and Gowan. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Senior Bus Routes and fees. Stopak stated that requests denied averages 2.5 per month.

Discussion was held regarding the money for the solid waste survey. Councilmember Sheehan motioned to delete the \$2000.00 for the solid waste survey. Seconded by Gowan. Councilmembers voting aye: Ronan, Quick, Sheehan, and Gowan. Voting nay: Carlisle and Ellerbeck. Abstaining: Sell. Absent: None. Motion carried. Staff will try to come up with a question to put in the newsletter.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

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None

VII. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

There were no comments from Mayor and Council.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 p.m. Councilmember Sell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Gowan. Councilmembers voting aye: Sell, Ronan, Quick, Sheehan, Carlisle, Crawford, Ellerbeck, and Gowan. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF AUGUST 2010.

CITY OF LA VISTA

ATTEST:

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk

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