

City of Crescent Springs
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Those in attendance included the following:

Council Members:

Christie Arlinghaus - present
Mike Daugherty - absent
Dale Ramsey - present
Scott Santangelo - present
Tom Vergamini - present
Matt Zeck - present

Jim Collett, Mayor – present and presiding
Joe Baker, City Attorney - present
George Ripberger, Pub.Serv.Dir.-present
Sue Hill, City Clerk - present

Others in attendance: John Goering, past
Finance Chair

Mayor Collett called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

First Reading of Ordinance 2009-2 The Revised Budget for Current Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

Matt Zeck, Chairman of Finance, distributed a packet of information comparing the Adopted Budget of FY June 30, 2009 and the Proposed Revisions to Revenue, Administrative Expense, Public Work Expense and Debt Service. See attached Exhibit I.

Discussion followed concerning the Bear Creek PILOT Payment. The removal of the anticipated transfer of \$65,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund was pointed out, and the addition of the billed County Snow Removal Reimbursement was noted. The general opinion of Finance is that the City is in good shape and will continue to watch spending with a possible downturn in revenues anticipated.

First Reading of Ordinance 2009-3 The Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010

Matt Zeck, Chairman of Finance, distributed a packet of information comparing the Proposed Budget of FY June 30, 2009 and the Proposed Budget of FY June 30, 2010. See attached Exhibit II.

Notable Revenue Considerations: 1) assumed a full 4% allowable increase in Property and Tangible taxes. 2) \$16,000 compensation from the State Court for HB413 Police funds, 3) \$60,000 plus coming in from Federal and State Grants, 4) a 4% to 5% decrease in Business and Insurance Premium incomes.

Notable Expense Considerations: 1) no salary increases 2) 15% increase in Health Care costs (starting Jan 1), 3) 50% increase in ALS cost, 4) decreased debt service costs.

There were several questions surrounding the possible impact on revenue by the negative economic climate, particularly on Payroll/Gross Receipts, Insurance Premium Taxes, and defaulting Property Tax and Street Assessments. There was discussion as to whether anticipated Grant Funding should be reflected in budgeted revenue.

DISCUSSION OF OUTDOOR DINING REGULATIONS

There are several restaurants requesting outdoor dining permits, unfortunately, it is not permitted in Crescent Springs. KJs Pub is in the process of applying to the NK Area Planning Commission and has had engineered drawings done. The general mood of Council is that although Outdoor Dining is a wonderful idea, there are very few places within our City that could accommodate it, especially for the current restaurants wishing to add it. Safety is the main concern.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zeck made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Vergamini seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:43 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Susan G. Hill

James Collett

City Clerk

Mayor

June 8, 2009

Approved: _____