

VALLEY CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

Sept. 4, 2018

A meeting of the Valley City Council of Valley, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 8:00 p.m., on September 4, 2018, at Valley City Hall. Present were Mayor Smith; council members Grove, Lewis, Stanzel and Ueckert; deputy clerk Isom. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication, the designated method for giving notice; a copy of the proof of publication is on file at city hall. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the mayor and council members and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of such notice is on file at city hall. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the mayor and council members. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Smith noted the location of the open meetings act, and stated one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at this meeting is available for examination or copying. The Mayor invited anyone present who wished to address an agenda item and is not on the agenda to come forward at this time, noting they will have three minutes to speak.

Mayor Smith led the pledge of allegiance. Proof of publication was shown.

Lewis moved to approve the agenda. Stanzel seconded. Lewis, Stanzel, Grove and Ueckert voted YES. NO; No one, motion carried.

Kent Speicher presented the proposed budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. He explained that he had worked with Joan Suhr, city clerk and Mayor Smith in preparing the budget. The City has a great deal of unused budget authority. There will not be a tax increase, in previous years the city was against the 45¢ levy limit, the proposed budget has the levy lowered to 32¢, a decrease of 1.78% from last year. The bond levy has an increase of 1.71%, the end result will be a decrease of approximately \$4.00.

Speicher noted that the evaluation due to growth has greatly increased the past two years allowing the levy to be decreased. Property tax allocations will remain the same, the sewer fund is in a crunch, sales tax revenues have been transferred to sewer the past two years. The City does have good cash reserves. He pointed out that the Police Department is 44% of the allocation and has been using up their cash reserves, they can't keep operating with a deficit. Council will have to decide if they want to increase the police department property tax allocation.

The park fund will receive a transfer in from the general fund. A dog park has been included in the budget. The pool fund and library are holding steady. The arboretum will receive \$5000 from general for the sprinkler system. Cemetery allocation was increased last year from one half percent to 1% for the fencing project and book refurbishment.

Animal control and emergency management funds will remain the same. Special events fund will be ended. Keno fund will be going away. The community development fund is an in and out, sales tax funds are transferred to fund the waste water account. The nursing home account should be fine.

Speicher continued with a review of the bond fund. A new bond of 2.2 million will be issued for the Ginger Cove/Ginger Woods water extension project. In wastewater we have refinanced bonds to improve the flow of funds. The wastewater fund revenues are approximately 700 thousand but it needs 1 million to operate, money from sales tax has been transferred in to cover the shortfall.

The bond levy can remain almost the same due to the increase in growth. The City will need to look at increasing it in the next few years. There are large bond payments that will be due. It will be two to three years before we see the increase in taxes from Valley Shores.

Mayor's Report – The Mayor asked the Council to consider placing the dog park in the city park, they can discuss it at the regular September council meeting. He informed the Council that someone will be at the meeting to discuss developing the 14 acres the city owns. Council asked about the nursing home contract. The Mayor relayed that no action can be taken while it is in receivership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Mayor, Carroll L. Smith



Deputy Clerk, Shawn M. Isom