LA VISTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
JULY 12, 2011

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 12, 2011. Present were Mayor Kindig and Councilmembers Sell, Ronan, Quick, Sheehan, Carlisle, Ellerbeck, Crawford and Gowan. Absent: None. Also in attendance were City Attorney McKeon, City Administrator Gunn, Assistant City Administrator Ramirez, Police Chief Lausten, Fire Chief Uhli, Public Works Director Soucie, Public Building & Grounds Director Archibald, Finance Director Lindberg, Library Director Barcal, 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 June 30, 2011. 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 began collecting fees in the ETJ east of I-in January.

Councilmember Crawford asked if the Sewer Jet machine could be bought with a lease/purchase agreement. Lindberg stated that it could but the entire purchase is being recommended in this year's budget.

Bond Fund

Lindberg provided an overview of the Bond Fund. Lindberg stated that future fiscal years will be critical and although we will be able to hold off for a couple years we are looking at an increased tax rate by FY 14.

Capital Improvement Program

Assistant City Administrator Ramirez stated that there are projects carried over to FY12 that won't be done in FY11. Many projects were moved out to pending as the bond fund cannot support any more projects. The radio replacement in FY12 is part of a 4 year program to replace the radios which will no longer work on the system after that time.

Lottery Fund

Finance Director Lindberg stated that Lottery revenue this year is projected at the same at FY11 was.

Golf Fund

Lindberg stated that final payment for the golf course will be in 2013. Councilmember Gowan asked if we are seeing a loss in leagues due to the 84th Street Vision showing the Golf Course
going away. Stopak stated that we are assuring league teams that the golf course is not going away anytime soon and they will be given ample notice and staff will help them find a place.

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

S Soucie reviewed the Off Street Parking budget with Council. Soucie stated that with a couple years of having the City Parking lot some adjustments have been made to cover increased costs in materials.

V. FOLLOW UP FROM JULY 11

Councilmember Carlisle inquired as to what we get for our league dues. Gunn indicated that they help with legislative issues and are a good source for municipal questions and training along with being able to be a member of LARM.

Councilmembers Sell and Ellerbeck stated that they see no areas where any significant cuts could be made in the budget.

Chief Lausten announced that Tuesday, August 2 is National Night Out from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and encouraged Mayor and Council to join them at the park for this community event.

Councilmember Sell made a motion to change the time of the August 2 meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to give them the opportunity to participate in the National Night Out. Seconded by Councilmember Quick. Councilmembers voting aye: Sell, Ronan, Quick, Sheehan, Carlisle, Crawford, Ellerbeck, and Gowan. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

VII. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Kindig thanked staff for the work done to present this recommended budget.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:47p.m. Councilmember Sell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Ellerbeck. Councilmembers voting aye: Sell, Ronan, Quick, Sheehan, Carlisle, Crawford, Ellerbeck, and Gowan. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk