

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE
NORTHLAKE CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

Mayor Sherwin called the Budget Workshop to order at 6:10 p.m.

PRESENT: **ALDERMEN STRAUBE, FELDMANN,
WERBA, RIESTERER, GROCHOWSKI, PADILLA
AND PATTI**

ABSENT: **ALDERMAN DELGADO**

OTHERS PRESENT: **JEFFREY T. SHERWIN, MAYOR
FRED PAUL, TREASURER
JOANNE FLOISTAD, CITY CLERK
CAROL LAMPARD, FINANCE DIRECTOR
DENNIS KOLETOS, CHIEF OF POLICE
DALE ROBERTS, SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The council reviewed the 2014 budget. They referred to the Finance Director's cover sheet.

Mayor Sherwin said that we will be able to do some major infrastructure programs next year. The 300 block of Major is getting a new water main and also repaved. Golfview Drive will be paved also. Some Frontage Road reconfiguration will also be able to take place in 2014. (by Wingstop and Prater & Roy) Doing this will add some additional parking for Wingstop.

The end of the Red Light Cameras will be in May 2014.

There was a discussion regarding Overweight Fines and trying to be able to get the fines to be paid in Northlake and not the county.

Mayor Sherwin said our projected revenue for 2014 is approximately \$15,400,000.00. The economy is improving so we anticipating a little higher sales tax and income tax.

Carol Lampard said that we are trying to fine tune our cash register entries to be more specific than just Miscellaneous. A lot of entries fell into this category in the past and we are now trying to put entries in a more specific category.

The Police budget was discussed. The 2014 is up a little bit from 2013. There was a discussion regarding the hiring of new officers and injured officers returning.

The council moved on to the Public Works Budget. Mayor Sherwin asked when the union contract is up. Dale Roberts said it up December 2015. Public Works is purchasing a backhoe this year. There was a discussion about the sewer vac. Ours is a 1991. We have put some money into it in the last few years. A new one costs about \$365,000.00. We could buy a used one instead of buying a new one. We will have to budget a new one for next year. There was a discussion about putting a small surcharge on the water/sewer bills.

Alderman Patti said that the Mayors salary has been at the same level for about five years. She asked if any of the Aldermen would like to raise the Mayor's salary. This would not be in effect till 2015 so this will be taken up again in the future.

Next, the discussion was with the Finance Department. Mayor Sherwin said that the property tax rebates dropped off. We still have an agreement with Aldi where we get the first \$20,000.00 in sales tax every year and they get everything else till they meet \$400,000.000/ \$450,000.00. We also have an agreement with the Shell station on Mannheim which is on a sliding scale.

The council looked over the Law Department; no questions were asked.

Mayor Sherwin talked about the Insurance Department. We are projecting almost 1.4 million dollars in insurance benefits for 2014.

Under Public Relations; Carol Lampard pointed out the new line item which is Web Maintenance. Bobby Riesterer said that he would charge approximately \$75.00 an hour for maintenance.

Community Events budget is down due to the way we are doing the carnival now.

The Youth Commission asked for a small increase in their budget.

Garbage – General Fund has been increased.

Mayor Sherwin talked about the Rec Center. The cleaning has gone up a lot and Alderman Feldmann wanted to know why. Dale Roberts said that the cleaning company also cleans the City Centre along with the Rec. Center. Also, the level of service has increased at both places.

The council briefly talked about the Utility Tax, Expenditures, MFT and CDBG Fund.

Dale Roberts questioned the branch pick up budget amount and the tree removal amount. Mayor Sherwin said he will look into this and make the adjustments.

The council looked at the Water Fund Revenues, Public Works – Water Fund Expenditures.

Mayor Sherwin said that next year we are only dealing with two TIFS. Walgreens TIF will be gone. Walmart TIF will be gone the end of 2014. Home Depot TIF will be up in 2017.

The remainder of the budget was briefly discussed.

Alderman Straube made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Riesterer. Mayor Sherwin called for a voice vote. All were in favor. The motion carried.

BUDGET WORKSHOP ADJOURNED AT 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Floistad, City Clerk