

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**2015 Proposed Budget Workshop**

Mayor Richard Malz called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Trebesch, Councilmember Chris Lund, Councilmember Bob Gregonis, Councilmember Richard Odoms, City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen, and Deputy Clerk Cherie Smith were in attendance.

The reason for the Special Meeting is to serve as a budget workshop to review the 2015 Proposed Budget.

**Topics of Discussion**

- An increase of thirty to thirty-five percent for health insurance. The reason for the increase is due to the changes that take effect from the Affordable Health Care Act (ObamaCare). City broker is going to look at different companies for rates and get back to City.
- Re-Roof the Open Shelter at the Park (estimated \$3,000 - \$5,000).
- Part-time employment for mowing for the Summer of 2015.
- Street Improvements for 2015. If the City would mill and overlay Jacob Street, from the Northern City Limits to County Road 50, it would cost approximately \$110,000 (not including curb and gutter). It would cost approximately \$250,000 for Sophia (not including curb and gutter). Jeremy will contact Justin Black, the City Engineer, to obtain updated estimates for these street projects.
  - Repaving the West Parking Lot in the Park. Jeremy will get an estimate for the cost to repave the parking lot.
- Entrance door for the fire hall.
- The leaking roof/flashing at the Community Center.
- Repairing the roof at the Hall and the repairs to the Shop could possibly be paid with surplus monies from 2014/2015.
- Fire Department would like to replace three sets of gear each year. That would cost \$6,000 per year.
- The possibility of air conditioning at the Community Hall.
- Maintenance Worker Greg Schultz did not think the City would need to participate in the Buy Back Program for the lawn mower.
- Cities Contribution to HFDRA for 2015. City is still waiting to receive SC-14 Form from HFDRA auditor.
- Water Tower Replacement – cost around \$900,000 – Grants.

**Items added to the 2015 Proposed Budget**

- Summer help for the months of June to August for twenty hours per week for twelve weeks at \$10.00 per hour; \$2,400 was added to the 2015 Budget (Park Contracted Services/PT Help).
- Three new sets of gear for the fire department. One set of gear is \$2,000 X 3 sets = \$6,000; \$6,000 was added to the 2015 Budget (Fire Dept. Equipment).
- Re-roofing the open shelter at the Park; \$5,000 was added to the 2015 Budget (Park Repairs and Maintenance).



- Roof /Flashing repairs for the Community Center; \$3,000 was added to the 2015 Budget (General Gov't. Bldgs. Repairs and Maintenance).
- Purchase two new heaters for the City Shop; \$5,000 was added to the 2015 Budget.
- Snowblower Attachment for the City Bobcat; \$4,611 was added to the 2015 Budget (General Gov't. Bldgs. Equipment & Improvements).

**Councilmember Lund moved to adjourn the 2015 Proposed Budget Workshop meeting at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Odoms and motion unanimously carried. All Council members were present.**

Submitted By:

Cherie Smith  
Deputy Clerk

