

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. AT LIBRARY MEETING ROOM, 735 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ALL IN PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.**

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by advertising in the Pawnee Republican, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Affidavit of Publishing on file in the office of the City Clerk. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice and the Agenda are on file in the office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

**Present:** Council Members: Donnie Fisher, Vickie Zelenka, Susan Eisenhauer and Laura Poskochil (joined meeting at 6:31 p.m.); Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk/Treasurer; Spencer Cumley, City Foreman and Julie Bauman, City Auditor. **Absent:** Mayor Charlie Hatfield.

Council President Fisher called the special budget hearing meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. informing all those present of the poster stating the Open Meeting Law Changes on the West meeting room wall accessible to the public. At this time all those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion to Open Budget Hearing** – Council Member Eisenhauer moved to open the Budget Hearing at 6:31 p.m. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Julie Bauman was present to present the 2023-24 Fiscal Year Budget document to the City Council and answer any questions. Ms. Bauman went over the final numbers of the upcoming FY 2023-24 Budget, which had not changed since last meeting. Ms. Bauman stated that the valuation had a .08% increase, so the City's total allowable growth per County Assessor was \$23,685.00. The City could have chosen to increase their dollar amount of the property tax request another \$4,619.34 but chose not to ask for the additional 2.08% increase. That meant that the City did not need to be included in the joint public hearing process with the County. There was no public input. Council Member Zelenka moved to close the Budget Hearing at 6:58 p.m. Council Member Eisenhauer seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

ATTEST: Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk

Donnie Fisher, Council President