

## City of Fort Calhoun

September 14, 2015

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, was called by Mayor Robinson on Monday, September 14, 2015. The special meeting was held in open and public session at 5:30 p.m. o'clock p.m., on Monday, September 14, 2015 at the City Hall in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. On roll call, the following Council Members answered present: Dave Romans, Randy Magill, Bob Prieksat and Nick Schuler.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting at City Hall, the Post Office and Great Southern Bank; said form of notice being a designated method for giving notice, a certification of posting being attached to these minutes.

Advance notice of this meeting was also given to the Mayor and all Council Members. 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.

With a quorum present, the Mayor presided and the Clerk recorded the proceedings.

Others in attendance: Bruce Sill, Corban Helmandollar and Deb Sutherland

Member Magill made a motion seconded by Member Prieksat to approve the August 27, 2015 special meeting minutes as published. With members Prieksat, Romans, Schuler and Magill voting "Aye", motion carried.

When the question of goals and objectives for the 2015-2016 Fiscal year was presented, Mayor Robinson stated he believes the time is right for the city to head in a new direction and the he believes positive changes are coming.

Mayor Robinson presented a one year pay increase plan as well as a two year plan option based on the July 2015 Job Description and Compensation Market Analysis done by the Silverstone Group, identifying the work city employees are actually doing, skills needed and providing a median base salary for each position using various studies in the industry to establish those medians. The increases were designed to establish a more marketable compensation/living wage for the employees. Following discussion Member Magill made a motion to approve Mayor Robinson's one year recommendation, Member Schuler seconded the motion. With Members Schuler, Magill and Prieksat voting "Aye" and member Romans voting "No", motion carried. Pay increase increments will begin October 1, 2015, the first day of the new fiscal year. A true, correct and complete copy of the study and recommendation chart is on file at the city office during normal business hours.

At 5:56 o'clock p.m., Mayor Robinson stated in compliance with the provisions in State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, it was now time to conduct the public hearing relative to hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget:

2013-2014	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 2,404,215.47
2014-2015	Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 2,250,127.02
2015-2016	Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 2,795,028.75
2015-2016	Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 846,681.65
2015-2016	Total Resources Available	\$ 3,641,710.40
	Total 2015-2016 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 408,040.00
	Unused Budget Authority Created for Next Year	\$ 237,984.45

There were no written or public comments received. Following questions by Member Romans and discussion between all present, Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

At 6:17 p.m. o'clock p.m., Mayor Robinson stated in compliance with the provisions state statute section 77-1601.02, it was now time to conduct the public hearing relative to hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request (levy):

2014-2015 Property Tax Request	\$ 408,040.00
2014 Tax Rate	0.611443
Property Tax Rate (2014-2015 Requested/2015 Valuation)	<u>0.587996</u>
2015-2016 Proposed Property Tax Request	\$ 408,040.00
Proposed 2015 Tax Rate	<u>0.587996</u>

There being no public comments, questions or discussion, Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing closed at 6:18 p.m.

Member Romans introduced **Resolution No. 2015-10** and moved for its passage and adoption. Motion seconded by Member Magill. On roll call the following voted "Aye": Magill, Prieksat, Romans and Schuler. The passage and adoption of said Resolution having been concurred by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Resolution adopted and the Mayor, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the Resolution and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto:

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2015-2016 PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AT \$140,925.00 FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON BONDS AND \$267,115.00 FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES, FOR A TOTAL OF \$408,040.00**

Member Romans introduced the following Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

and, moved that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be suspended. Council Member Magill seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted "Aye": Schuler, Magill, Prieksat and Romans. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the members elected to the City Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said Ordinance.

Thereupon said **Ordinance No. 706** was then read by title and Council Member Romans moved for its final passage, which motion was seconded by Council Member Magill. The Mayor stated the question "Shall **Ordinance No. 706** be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call, the following voted "Aye": Magill, Prieksat, Romans and Schuler.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all the members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted and the Mayor, in the presence of the City Council, signed and approved the Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

A true, correct and complete copy of said ordinance is on file at the city office during normal business hours.

Mayor Robinson announced he will have recommendations for a five or six year PayScale step plan at the regular meeting. There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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Linda Welsher, CMC, City Clerk