February 7, 2007
MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL BUDGET RETREAT

***COUNCIL PRESENT*:**
Bobby Austin, Mayor
Gerelene Blevins
Eddie Bowman
Bob Gibbs
Joe Norman
Joe Wesson

STAFF PRESENT
Robert Frye
Bonnie Mann
Terry Taylor

***CALL TO ORDER*:** Mayor Bobby Austin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.. pm at the Broyhill Civic Center

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

The following items were discussed:

FY 2006-07 General Budget Issues
Future Major Capital Expenditure Projects
Sewer Referendum Issues
Parks and Recreation Issues
Planning/Growth Issues

ADJOURMENT: On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Norman, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Robert Frye, Town Administrator

Bobby Austin, Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
2007-08 BUDGET WORKSHOP
MINUTES

March 15, 2007

Council Present:
Bobby Austin, Mayor
Joe Norman
Gerelene Blevins
Bob Gibbs
Eddie Bowman

Staff Present:
Bob Frye
Bonnie Mann

Mayor Bobby Austin called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. After giving the invocation, he led all in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Austin asked council for a motion to adopt the agenda. Joe Wesson made the motion to adopt with Bob Gibbs seconding. All were in favor.

Town Administrator Bob Frye opened the meeting with a review of the new County Sales Tax Reinvestment Agreement. He pointed out even though the Town's $200,000 portion is a $50,000 increase from the prior agreement; the Town's loss of the difference of sales tax from per capita to ad valoerm would be approximately $460, 000 per year.

Mr. Frye also cautioned Council that due to many factors, such as the loss of revenues (reduction of Cable Franchise Fees and lower interest rates), along with rising costs, increases in fees as well as increases in taxes, would be inventible in future years.

The Department Capital Needs items were also discussed. Of these items construction of new restrooms and refurbishing the main building at Baird Park were included as well as landscaping for the Veteran's Park. Another Capital Need was the purchase of more trash cans. All were in agreement to order 150 more new trash cans during this budget year due to expected increases in cost.

In discussion of two other major capital items discussed was the need for a New Town Hall. Due to the location, age, and limited space of the current Town Hall, all were in agreement that a New Town Hall is needed. As several of the Council pointed out, postponing building a New Town Hall, would only increase the cost due to rising material costs. The other major capital item discussed was the Cajah's Mountain Road Waterline Replacement. As Mr. Frye pointed out, it was in this year's budget but came in at $115,000 more than anticipated and even though not a major concern this up coming year, would need to be addressed eventually.

Other items discussed were the uniform contracts, selling of stamps, direct deposit of payroll, and restructuring the planning board. It was decided by all that the uniform contracts be evaluated and to eliminate the selling of stamps. All agreed that direct deposit of payroll was a good idea. They also agreed with a motion from Joe Wesson, seconded by Gerelene Blevins that the Planning Board be restructured and be discussed at the March 20th Council Meeting.

At 4:15, Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn. Eddie Bowman made the motion, Gerelene Blevins seconded, and all were in favor.

Bonnie Mann

Bonnie Mann, Finance Director

Bobby Austin

Bobby Austin, Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
2007-08 BUDGET WORKSHOP
MINUTES
April 12, 2007

Council Present:
Bobby Austin, Mayor
Eddie Bowmn
Gerelene Blevins
Bob Gibbs

Staff Present:
Bob Frye
Bonnie Mann

Mayor Bobby Austin called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. After giving the invocation, he led all in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Austin asked council for a motion to adopt the agenda. Eddie Bowman made the motion to adopt with Bob Gibbs seconding. All were in favor.

Town Administrator Bob Frye opened the meeting with a review of additional items added to the Capital Budget list. One of the new items was the addition of Architect Fees for designing a New Town Hall. Among other new items added were: tire changing equipment for Public Works, 100 additional trash cans for the Sanitation Department, and additional fencing and bleachers for Baird Park. All were in favor of all the extra additions which will bring the Capital Outlay totals for General Fund to $291,020. The Capital Outlay for the Utility Fund will remain the same at $15,000.

Other items on the agenda included information from the Roads Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee. All were in agreement that Edgewood Drive did not need to be repaved at the present time but that spots of it should be checked for problems. The Parks and Recreation Committee decided a $50 deposit with a rental fee of $25 for residents of the Town. All nonresidents will pay a $50 rental fee with a deposit of $50. The deposit would be returned if the park was clean after the rental. The Committee is also developing a new Park Use Policy.

Mr. Frye reminded the Council that as the town has grown, more personnel will be needed and will be discussed at future Budget Meetings with cost estimates for various personnel needs by departments.

Another item discussed was revamping the retiree insurance resolution. All were in agreement that the current resolution was too vague and needed to be updated.

Mr. Frye also brought to the attention of Council the need to include in the upcoming budget $28,000 to cover the expense of the NCODT Enhancement Agreement that has resurfaced again. All agreed that this item be included in the budget.

The last item discussed was a ½ page ad to be placed in a magazine to be published by the News Topic. Mr. Frye suggested the $1,000 be paid for by a budget amendment drawing monies out of the fund balance.

At 4:30 Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eddie Bowman made the motion with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

Bonnie Mann
Bonnie Mann, Finance Director

Bobby Austin
Bobby Austin, Mayor