

October 29, 2008

A special meeting of the Scandia City Council was held on the above date. Mayor Dennis Seefeldt called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m. The following were present: Council members Pete Crum, Dolores Peterson, Donnette Yehle, Michael Harnetty and Mayor Dennis Seefeldt. Staff present: Administrator Anne Hurlburt, Treasurer Colleen Firkus, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Finnegan and Firefighter Bill Havener.

Administrator Hurlburt review the draft budget for the "201" Community Wastewater System. Council directed that the budget assume a 10% rate increase to users, with additional revenues to be reserved for future system replacements. A letter will be sent with billings to explain to users the need to increase reserves.

General fund department budgets were reviewed. The following directions were given:

- Sealcoating of the parking lot at the Public Works/ Fire Hall facility will be deferred. The \$4,000 in the Public Works budget will be moved to contractual road repairs. The \$4,000 in the Fire Dept. budget will be deleted.
- \$2,000 will be added to the Fire Dept. budget to attempt a repair to the slab using mud-jacking or a similar technique, not the more expensive repair suggested by the City Engineer.
- Revenue to the Fire Dept. Budget will be revised to show \$10,000 in donations for the command vehicle.
- Equipment replacements in the Fire Dept. will be reviewed to determine if Tanker 5177 (due in 2012) could be refurbished instead of replaced. It may be necessary to initiate purchase of the planned 2010 replacement of the rescue truck in 2009, which will require borrowing. Staff will look into availability of such trucks at state contract prices.
- Planning consulting will be reduced from \$75,000 to \$50,000.
- Staff will research a possible increase in minimum building permit fees, the possibility of local fines for traffic violations, and utility permit fees.
- The Uptown Sewer and Water budget will be reviewed to ensure it accurately reflects expected costs.
- Councilmember Crum will research emergency management trends regarding civil defense sirens for discussion at the next budget meeting.
- Staff will research the market for community center rental fees.

The Council will meet for another budget work session on Thursday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hurlburt
City Administrator/ Clerk