

City Council Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on September 19, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock PM in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by posting a copy of the notice in three public places in the city, as evidenced by Attachment A hereto, said form of notice being the designated method for giving notice. The Mayor and City Council received advance notice of the meeting. A copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of such notice is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Lindberg convened the meeting and Deputy Clerk Mejstrik recorded the proceedings. The following council members were present: Baumert, Holmberg, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Absent: Kasik.

Mayor Lindberg convened a public hearing to receive citizen comments pertaining to the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget.

Deputy Clerk Mejstrik stated the budget notice was published according to law. The property tax request is \$1,432,079.00. The proposed budget of disbursements is \$34,812,337.00.

Administrator DeRoos stated it is same budget that has been discussed before but if anyone has questions please ask.

Attorney Seckman asked why the cities tax request has doubled. Administrator DeRoos stated that \$700,000 was lost in state funding due to the tax levy getting to low last year. With bringing the tax levy back up the state Municipal Equalization fund should return to the same rate as the previous year. That will possibly cause next years levy to come down some.

Mynor Hernandez asked if hearing is to inform the citizens and they are voting on it tonight. Administrator DeRoos stated that they are voting tonight. Hernandez asked for more information on what has made this change. Administrator DeRoos stated we are raising property taxes due to the funding being decreased by the state.

Javier Arizmendi questioned the difference in the assessed value change in the properties in Schuyler and why they were not all raised the same. Administrator DeRoos stated that the assessments were done by the county assessor this hearing is about the budget and tax the City is able to collect.

Mynor Hernandez asked will the higher tax levy will be on the new assessed values. Administrator DeRoos stated it would be on the new assessed values.

Victor Lopez asked is this what the whole state is getting or is it just Schuyler. Administrator DeRoos responded that the tax levy the City is setting is just for Schuyler and this tax comes directly to the City of Schuyler. Mayor Lindberg clarified that he is asking if it was just Schuyler whose assessments went up or the whole state. Lindberg stated it is the whole state. Attorney Seckman stated most areas of Nebraska have had large increases in assessed values.

Mynor Hernandez asked when the City will know if they receive state funding back. Administrator DeRoos stated next year the City will know if they will receive the money back from the state.

Housing Specialist Bywater asked is City trying to make up the \$700,000 that was lost in funding. Administrator DeRoos stated that the returned funding would hopefully be in the Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Council member Holmberg moved to close the public hearing. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to adjourn. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Art Lindberg

City Clerk

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STATE OF NEBRASKA)
COUNTY OF COLFAX) SS
CITY OF SCHUYLER)

I, Lora Johnson, City Clerk for the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for said meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the City Council of Schuyler, Nebraska, from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted, were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next council meeting.

City Clerk Lora Johnson