

SPECIAL KUNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2006
KUNA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 763 W. AVALON

1:00 P.M. – PRE-COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING

NOTE: These minutes are an unofficial record of this City Council meeting until reviewed; corrected if deemed appropriate and formally approved by the Kuna City Council at a subsequent Council meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Dean Obray called the Budget Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Dean Obray, Council President Jeffery Lang, Councilwoman Trina Stroebel (arrived 1:10 p.m.), and Councilman Richard Cardoza. Councilman Dowdy was absent.

Also present were: City Engineer Keven Shreeve; City Attorney Randy Grove; City Treasurer Colleen Cook, City Clerk Lynda Burgess, Interim Planning & Zoning Director Diana Sanders; Director of Public Works Jim Taylor; and Sergeant Laraway.

2. PRESENTATION BY KELLI FAIRLESS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSIT REGARDING BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.

Kelli Fairless reported that Valley Regional Transit is the regional public transportation authority for Ada and Canyon County and has been in existence since 1998. She stated that since 1998, staff has worked to develop short- and long-range community transit plans which are scaled to fit each community in the Treasure Valley. A route could connect from Kuna to the main system via Meridian, and could be either a commuter type route or demand response. Dues requested from Kuna for fiscal year 2007 would be \$3,259.13. Ms. Fairless then explained that Valley Regional will not commit any operating planning time for a commuter route for Kuna because the City has not provided funding support. Dues are assessed to a city to develop transit plans within the Valley. The Transportation Service Coordination Plan, currently being developed, is one regional project that would benefit Kuna. Valley Transit is working with social service agencies and other transit providers to develop a plan for the use of funding that Kuna would be eligible to receive for services that would be allocated to the area. She explained that there is money on the table that Valley Regional Transit is not able to access for Kuna because they have no service plan that is specific to the area. The agency's energies are being directed toward communities that are contributing. In the last Transportation Bill, there was an increase of about 80% to the State of Idaho of Federal dollars available to rural areas. A big portion of those dollars are just for District 3. These are dollars that are left untapped for citizens' benefit in Kuna. At some point, Kuna will have to catch up with the rest of the Valley and should move forward with transit plans.

3. PRESENTATION BY BOB McQUADE, ADA COUNTY ASSESSOR

Mr. McQuade reported that the market value in the City of Kuna is \$617,000,000 for a taxable value of \$414,000,000, is up by 23%. The medium increase for existing residential is 17.8% in the county. Commercial property is up 14% from last year. Residential is paying 85% of the property tax, and commercial 14%.

4. PRESENTATION BY ADA COUNTY SHERIFF REGARDING BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.

Sergeant Laraway presented the contract proposal for fiscal year 2007 for the Ada County Sheriff Department. Proposed annual budget increase of \$98,881 [minus \$15,823.00 of rent being paid to Avalon Plaza] for one new officer, plus car and equipment, one school resource officer for the 3 summer months, and an 8% increase for employee benefits.

5. REVIEW BUDGET WORKSHEET FOR EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Mayor Obray presented the increases in the budget.

Administrative Office salaries - \$80,000 for 1 new employee and increase in wages for all supervisors and 2 employees)

City Attorney - \$90,000 as a City employee

Office space needed - Adding city attorney, an employee in Planning and Zoning and a general office employee

Sheriff's Office - \$83,058 for rental of 3,000 SF of additional office space to house two new employees and the Sheriff's Department.

Animal Control - \$7,000

Animal Control Truck purchase - \$14,000

New construction - \$250,000 to be put into a savings account annual for construction of a new City Hall.

Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development - \$7,500

"The Zone" sponsored by Kuna Life Center Church - \$5,000

Dues & Memberships - \$ 0 for Compass, emergency services, dues to Association of Cities, etc.

Emergency Fund – Wild Meadows Flood Damages - \$50,000 for evacuation of crawl spaces, drying them out and covering health and safety issues. Mayor Obray proposed that the City pay the bills, sue Boise Board of Control, who, in turn, would sue ICRMP.

Information System Support and Consulting - \$2,000 for programs the City needs to buy and support for the City's network system along with technical support for system maintenance.

Network System Upgrade - \$15,000 to purchase a new server and computers for new employees

Prosecutors Office * \$ Asked for an increase.

Professional Services/City Engineer - \$80,000 City Engineer anticipates billing less, but funds should be set aside in case an emergency project comes along.

Senior Building - \$10,000 for the utilities, since seniors will not take them over

Street Lights - \$2,000 due to growth

Utilities - \$6,000 for additional City Hall square footage

Next budget meeting scheduled for July 5, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

O. Dean Obray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynda Burgess, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: July 18, 2006