

A budget work session of the Farr West City Council was held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Council Members present were Mayor Jimmie Papageorge, Paul Dinsdale, Lee Dickemore, Tom Burkland, Ava Painter and Tim Shupe. Lindsay Stratford, John Cardon, Sean Lambert, Shauna Jensen, Ken Phippen, Mike Beal and Bonnie Beal were also present.

Mayor Jimmie Papageorge called the work session to order.

John Cardon went over the tentative budget that included the changes discussed in the previous work session. John commented new budgets were created for recycling collection fees and the Freedom Festival. John then commented he increased the amounts in engineering and travel and training. John then stated he increased the office equipment budget for this year for the purchasing of a copier. John stated he increased equipment purchases in general government for this year to allow for the purchase of a new truck and put funds in the next year budget for the other truck. John then stated he increased salary and wages in the Seniors budget and put money in the current budget to purchase new cabinets.

John Cardon commented the total revenue in the current budget is \$1,760,000 with a total of \$1,680,000 in expenses. John stated he is estimating \$1,815,000 in revenue for the 2012-2013 budget with \$1,766,000 in expenses. John stated he felt we were doing well with our general fund budget for this year but commented next year will be different because of the increase in the Sheriff's office contract. John then commented he included a 2% cost of living increase that would be depend on the results of the compensation survey.

John then discussed the sewer fund budget, stating Farr West City went from \$13.50 to \$18.00 a month when Central Weber first increased their rates. John stated as Central Weber's rates continued to increase, Farr West raised the rates to \$20 last year. John commented that was not enough to cover the cost and we are in the red \$28,000. John then stated Central Weber will increase their rates 35 percent this year so he is recommending increasing the residential rates to \$26 per month to cover the cost. John then went over some surrounding cities sewer rates, commenting we would still be right in the middle of where everyone else is.

John stated he would like to present the budget the first meeting in May. John commented we could also set any additional work sessions if necessary.

Lee Dickemore commented he talked to Doc Taylor's son Brad regarding purchasing the property. Tom Burkland asked John what we would need to do to adjust the budget in the middle of the budget year if that property became available. John commented he would put \$125,000 in the budget for land purchase just in case.

The council then briefly discussed the public safety budget. Tom Burkland asked if that budget had to go from \$285,000 to \$465,000 to cover the increased Sheriff contract, where we would get the money to cover the difference. John commented he would hope sales tax would increase to help, but stated he felt we would most likely have to increase property tax. Tom then commented he met with the Mayor and Police Chief of Harrisville to discuss the cost of running their own police department. Tom stated they are not interested in covering Farr West, but they suggested

doing it ourselves. Tom stated Police Chief Max Jackson estimated an initial start up cost for us would be \$600,000 for the first year.

Sean Lambert then went over the several requirements included in the MS4 Storm Water Permit. Sean proposed adding a \$3 monthly storm water utility fee to cover the costs of all the requirements in the permit.

The City Council then discussed having another work session before their next meeting.

Work Session was adjourned.

Lindsay Stratford, Recorder

Jimmie Papageorge, Mayor

Date Approved: _____