

**CITY OF CUSTER CITY
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS – BUDGET SESSION
AUGUST 17th, 2009**

Mayor Harold D. Stickney called to order the second budget meeting of the Common Council for the month of August, 2009 at 8:11 p.m. Present at roll call were Councilpersons Reetz, Starr, Murphey, Pischke, Schleining, Ressler, Rex Harris, Community Development Director, and Christine Redden, Finance Officer. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

BUDGETS

The Mayor discussed taking out the \$475,000 drainage project and doing a chip/seal on Crook Street instead of a mill and overlay; the 8th Street intersection would still need to be completed and probably with concrete. Rex stated that the mill and overlay would probably be about \$80,000 versus a chip/seal at \$15,000. Rex did remind everyone of the liability in regards to the drainage issue.

Councilperson Murphey discussed the Council setting a long term plan; you start with a base budget, operations and maintenance, and then add projects as the revenues allow. He will be sending out a list of projects discussed over the last year and urged everyone to add any ones that were forgotten.

Since the previous budget meeting addressed the General Fund, the Council previewed the Liquor, Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, and Promotion Funds with a large portion of the discussion centered on the bond, water, and wastewater rates. The Council reviewed the rate projection sheets which calculate the estimated revenue from the metered services based on usage. Then with the miscellaneous revenue added and the expenses taken out, the funds are showing a loss. Discussion was then held on a 3% and 6% increase. Other items discussed were wages with and without COLA increases, recycling, yard waste, resources, grant spending, cash flow, replacing sewer lines after they've been assessed by the camera, notice for Main Street water line hook-up, and bridge engineering. Christine stated that once the Council makes a determination on the major issues, she will bring back a budget that will be in line for the base budget. The first reading of the annual appropriation will be held September 8th, 2009. The Council decided to have the next budget meeting on August 31st, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. since two members would be gone on the 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Stickney adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Christine Redden
Finance Officer

Harold D. Stickney
Mayor