

CITY OF TERRYTOWN
Public Hearing: 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget
September 19th, 2024

The City of Terrytown Council met on Thursday, September 19th, 2024, at 6:30 PM, for their Public Hearing: 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget meeting at the Housing Partners of Western Nebraska Community Room, at 89A Woodley Park Road in the City of Terrytown. Notice of said meeting was published in the Star-Herald according to Nebraska State Law. Mayor, Chris Perales, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Council Members present in person were Brandon Ettleman, Tyler Feil, Mike Minzey, and Emily Norman. City Attorney, Libby Stobel was present and took minutes. Also present: Hugo Chairez, Utility Supervisor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. President Feil pointed out the location of the poster for the Open Meetings Act, a copy which is also available on the City of Terrytown website.

At 6:34 p.m. Feil moved to open the Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget. Minzey seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Norman, and Minzey. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Mike Scow of Dala Cole, CPA firm presented the following: Property Tax request: \$120,998.00. Includes \$1198 for County Treasurer 1% commission. Property Tax is greater than last year by approximately \$5,000, but future legislative bill will tie hands for foreseeable future. Total Bonded Indebtedness: \$994,794.71. Budget does not contain audited numbers, as these have not been received back as of the date of preparation of the budget. Total Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025: \$7,718,517.00. recommended increasing restricted funds authority by 3.5%. The City's property tax request will cause its tax rate to be .35493 per \$100 of assessed value. Scow will represent the City at the Mitchell High School Auditorium next Tuesday, September 24th, 2024 at 6:05 p.m. for a joint public hearing to discuss Terrytown's intent to increase its property tax request by a percentage greater than the "allowable growth percentage" defined in §77-1633 and has requested a representative of the council to attend as well. There were not comments from the public.

At 6:48 p.m. Norman moved to close the Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's; Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting was called to order immediately following the 2024-2025 Budget Hearing at 89A Woodley Park Road, Gering NE. Mayor Chris Perales and Council Members, Tyler

Feil, Emily Norman, Mike Minzey, and Brandon Ettleman were present. City Attorney, Libby Stobel, was present and took minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. President Feil pointed out the location of the poster for the Open Meetings Act, a copy which is also available on the City of Terrytown website.

Feil moved to open the Public Hearing Proposed 2024-2025 Property Tax Request and Increase to Total Restricted Funds at 6:51 p.m. Norman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

At 6:52 p.m. Ettleman moved to close the Public Hearing Proposed 2024-2025 Property Tax Request and Increase to Total Restricted Funds. Feil seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Feil moved to waive three readings to Ordinance No. 485 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TERRYTOWN ADOPTING THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL TO APPROPRIATE SUMS NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Minzey seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Feil moved to approve Ordinance No. 485 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TERRYTOWN ADOPTING THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL TO APPROPRIATE SUMS NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried. Ordinance available in pamphlet form.

Norman moved to approve Resolution 2024-04 (Previously marked as 24-05_ 2024-2025 Property Tax Request and Increase of Total Restricted Funds Authority. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Norman moved to waive three readings of Ordinance No 486 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TERRYTOWN, NEBRASKA ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES REPEALING ORDINANCE NO 479 AND ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Minzey moved to approve Ordinance No. 486 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TERRYTOWN, NEBRASKA ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES REPEALING ORDINANCE NO 479 AND ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. With corrections of Wages for Deputy Clerk showing \$16.50 per hour and effective date of

October 1st, 2024. Feil seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Douglas Weimer of 97 Barbara Lane was present and requested to discuss a dead tree at 91 Michael St. Anne Reker, Code Enforcement, was not in attendance at the meeting, but has sent letters to the owner of 91 Michael Street re: the tree and the fence. Savanna Salazar is the owner. The City of Terrytown has the option of performing the work and then issue billing to the homeowner to re-coop the funds, then possibly pursuing prosecution. It was requested that staff request estimates and report to council next month.

Joel Torres of 31 South Street requested the Council waive their late fees in the amount of \$25.00, stating they had not received their bill prior to the Delinquent Date. Also, saying she went online on August 15th to pay, then actually paid on the 16th. Feil moved to waive the late fee for account listed as Joel Torres for the August billing in the amount of \$25.00. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

No action was taken regarding No Parking on Country Club east of the railroad tracks.

Council reviewed proposals from RJ Meyer & Associates and Lengemann & Associates for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Fiscal year audits. Council requested City Clerk, Jeni Mattern, to check references and bring back to the October 2024 meeting for discussion and possible decision.

The new franchise agreement with NPPD was received and reviewed by Council. They would like to review it again at the October 2024 meeting, but would like it in Ordinance format.

Feil moved to approve meeting minutes from the August 8th, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting. Minzey seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nays': none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Feil to approve the meeting minutes from the August 29th, 2024 Special Meeting. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motin carried.

Minzey moved to approve regular claims for August 2024. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Council received the Revenue & Expense reports for August 2024.

Chairez requested Nick Ritterbush continue employment following the completion of the seasonal job. He would like Ritterbush to stay on as a part-time year around employee. This consisting of 32 hours a week at \$15.48 per hour. Minzey approved the requested terms pending a positive

outcome of an interview or reviewed and a referral by Chairez. Norman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

The August 2024 Communications Report was received.

At 8:16 p.m. Norman moved to adjourn until the October 10th, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Christopher Perles
Mayor, City of Terrytown



ATTEST:

Joni D. Matter
City Clerk

Payment of Claims August 2024

General: Ace Hardware – Rakes, \$44.98; Allo – Phone, \$258.53; Barco – Visitor Sign, \$653.81; Beam – Dental, \$272.70; Carpenter Center – Rent, \$1211.83; Child Support - \$206.18; CNA Surety – Bond changes, \$20.00; Cyclone Express – Gas, \$274.68; FICA - \$4,434.21; Frank Parts – Bit, \$16.98; Guardian – Life Insurance, \$56.00; Intralinks – IT, \$1031.25; League – Membership, \$1,480.00; Medica – Medical Insurance, \$5,854.16; Dept of Rev – Taxes, \$705.54; NPPD - \$214.56; PADD – Membership, \$930.16; Humane Society, \$477.00; Principal – Vision Insurance, \$44.88; SCB Police - \$11,461.67; M.C. Schaff – Engineering Services, \$432.00; Sheriff - Service, \$34.00; Simmons, Olsen – Legal Services, \$2,702.64; IRA - \$868.88; Column Software – Publications, \$130.19; Verizon Wireless, \$262.90; Visa, \$829.87
Streets: Barco – Signs, \$260.00; Child Support - \$104.33; Scottsbluff – Street Sweeping, \$966.00; FICA, \$1,110.39; Car Wash, \$30.00; LARM, \$113.96; Dept of Rev, \$167.75; NPPD, \$2,637.30; IRA, \$252.95; Westco – Weed Killer, \$153.78
Keno: NE Gaming Division, \$96.91; NPPD, \$113.02; Sandberg Implement – Mower Deck Repairs, \$650.99
Water: Ace Hardware – Batteries, \$16.19; Century Business – Copies/Copier Lease, \$210.11; Child Support, \$85.61; Dept of Rev, \$3,478.15; FICA, \$619.93; Enviro Services – Water Labs, \$50.00; Gering, Wholesale Water - \$14,357.62; Gering – Power, \$46.37; Dept of Rev, 101.18; NPPD, \$403.27; IRA, \$100.33; Terry Carpenter, Inc – Water Well Lease, \$562.61
Electric: NPPD, \$31.58
Sewer: Child Support, \$74.68; Scottsbluff – Wastewater, \$6,724.39; Donna Hartman – Release/Sewer Line Repair, \$6,677.00; FICA, \$562.20; Enviro Services – Sewer Labs, \$430.00; Frank Parts – Roller Ball Bearing, \$53.98; Dept of Rev, \$91.60; NPPD, \$247.82; One Call Concepts – Locates, \$3.96; PowerPlan – Generator Diagnostics, \$488.64; IRA, \$93.18; Terry Carpenter, INC – Sewer Land Lease, \$400.00; Waste Connections – Trash Collection, \$7,723.10

Payroll: \$18,816.82