

CITY OF TILDEN  
September 12, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Tilden met on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm for the budget hearing in the Tilden Council Chambers. Notice of the meeting was given by posting at 4 locations within the city.

- (1) Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and the Clerk recorded the proceedings.
- (2) Declaration of open meetings act.
- (3) ROLL CALL: Mayor Tom Nelson. Allen Smidt, Travis Rutjens, Lisa Meyer, Darrell Wyatt, Allen Miller, Halle Hart.
- (4) OPEN BUDGET HEARING. Hearing was opened at 6:32 pm.
- (5) EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PRIOR YEAR BUDGET AND NEXT YEAR FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.
- (6) CLOSE HEARING. Motion to close the hearing was made by Wyatt, seconded by Miller at 6:35 pm. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

REGULAR MEETING

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Tilden met on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 following the budget hearing in the Tilden Council Chambers. Notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Tilden/Meadow Grove News on August 30, 2023 and by posting in 4 locations within the city.

- (1) Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm and the Clerk recorded the proceedings.
- (2) Declaration of the open meetings act.
- (3) ROLL CALL: Mayor Tom Nelson. Allen Smidt, Travis Rutjens, Lisa Meyer, Darrell Wyatt, Allen Miller, Halle Hart.
- (4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- (5) MAYOR'S OPEN DISCUSSION – Mayor Nelson would like to mention that the painting done on the buildings at Koch Insurance and LW Salon looks very nice along with the improvements at Rich and Stitch. Mayor Nelson would also like to congratulate Samantha Rutjens on her purchase of the Rose Grace Boutique.
- (6) CONSENT AGENDA – Motion to approve made by Smidt, seconded by Hart. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.
- (8) REPORTS BY CITY DEPARTMENT
- (9) DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT HEARING. RESOLUTION 2023-09-03 – AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS. Motion was made to open the hearing at 6:39 pm by Rutjens, seconded by Miller. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.
- (10) RESOLUTION 2023-09-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TILDEN, NEBRASKA, GRANTING AUTHORITY TO EXCEED THE BUDGET LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, BY AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT. Motion to approve Wyatt, seconded by Meyer. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.
- (11) RESOLUTION 09-02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TILDEN, NEBRASKA, GRANTING AUTHORITY TO SET THE CITY'S ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AT AN AMOUNT DIFFERENT THAN PREVIOUSLY SET BY THE MADISON AND ANTELOPE COUNTY CLERKS. Motion to approve the resolution and adopt the budget made by Wyatt, seconded by Rutjens. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.
- (12) RESOLUTION 2023-09-04 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TILDEN, NEBRASKA, IN SUPPORT OF PLANNED EFFORTS OF ELKHORN VALLEY SCHOOLS

TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT TO FINANCE, CONSTRUCT AND IMPLEMENT A NEW BALLFIELD IN TILDEN, NEBRASKA. Motion made by Hart, seconded by Rutjens to approve. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(7) TILDEN LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION – Kelly Gewecke from Nebraska Department of Economic Development was present to award the certification of leadership to the Mayor and Council.

(15) FIVE RULE PLANNING – Motion to approve the new fiscal year contract made by Hart, seconded by Meyer. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(13) RESOLUTION 2023-09-05 - OF THE CITY OF TILDEN, NEBRASKA TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT A RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,000. Motion to approve made by Meyer, seconded by Hart. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(9) RESOLUTION 2023-09-03 – Motion made Rutjens to close the hearing at 6:59 pm, seconded by Miller. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens. Smidt. No – None. Approved. Motion made by Rutjens to approve the resolution, seconded by Hart. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(14) USDA REVOLVING LOAN FUND – Motion made by Rutjens, seconded by Meyer to approve the presented guidelines for the rural business development grant, seconded by Meyer. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(16) LORI CODY – Motion to approve the proposal to continue work on updating the website made by Miller, seconded by Wyatt. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(17) EV WRESTLING CLUB – Motion made by Hart, seconded by Miller to approve a payment to the club for the purchase of a new scoreboard from keno funds. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(18) CEMETERY – Leo Botsford was present for the Cemetery Board requesting approximately \$6,000 to remove 6-7 trees from the cemetery. Motion to approve made by Rutjens, seconded by Miller. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(19) COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAYS – The Council would like to set the date for October 21 and 22, 2023.

(20) TRASH COST – The new rates for garbage services are \$17.25 for residential, \$19.25 for commercial, \$77.00 for Elkhorn Valley Schools and \$57.75 for Westwood Homes. Motion to approve made by Smidt, seconded by Rutjens. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(21) FOOTBALL FIELD RENT – Motion made by Smidt to increase rent to \$15,000 for the current school year, seconded by Rutjens. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(22) 1 & 6 YEAR STREET PLAN – Motion made to set the hearing date for October 10, 2023 by Wyatt, seconded by Miller. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(23) HIGHWAY SPEED LIMIT – Jerry Dittrich was present to address concerns about the speed limit on Highway 275 from Center Street to Elm Street. Council directed Clerk to contact the City engineer to find out what the State would require in order to reduce the speed limit or better light the intersections.

(24) POND – Motion to approve spending up to \$15,000 from the keno funds to make repairs to the pond made by Meyer, seconded by Miller. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Smidt. No – None. Abstain – Rutjens. Approved.

(25) FLOORING QUOTES – Motion to approve the flooring quote from Carhart Lumber for Tilden Family Medicine made by Rutjens, seconded by Hart. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(25) CD'S – Motion made by Meyer, seconded by Hart to approve closing CD number 102074 and 102076 and withdrawing \$225,000 from the hospital account to combine the funds and do a new CD at Cornerstone Bank. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

(27) NUISANCE PROPERTY – No action taken.

Motion made by Smidt, seconded by Wyatt to go into executive session at 8:29 pm to discuss personnel matters. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

Motion made by Smidt, seconded by Wyatt to exit executive session at 8:53 pm. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(28) EMPLOYEE WAGES – Motion to approve a 3% raise for employees made by Rutjens, seconded by Meyer. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

Motion to increase police chiefs' salary to \$75,000 per year with retroactive pay for 2 pay periods made by Rutjens, seconded by Hart. RCV: Yes – Smidt, Rutjens, Meyer, Wyatt, Miller, Hart. No – None. Approved.

(29) HOLIDAY PAY – Motion made by Rutjens, seconded by Miller to exclude part-time employees from holiday pay with an additional pay increase reviewed at the October meeting. RCV: Yes – Hart, Miller, Wyatt, Meyer, Rutjens, Smidt. No – None. Approved.

With no further business to come before the council, Rutjens made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Miller. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

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Shawna Moore, Clerk

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Tom Nelson, Mayor