

## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

October 17, 2011

The Willmar City Council Work Session was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Mayor Frank Yanish. Those present included Council Members Ron Christianson, Tim Johnson, Jim Dokken, Steve Ahmann, Doug Reese, Rick Fagerlie, and Denis Anderson. Also present were City Administrator Charlene Stevens, City Clerk Kevin Halliday, Public Works Director Holly Wilson, Planning and Development Services Director Bruce Peterson, Fire Chief Marv Calvin, Police Chief Dave Wyffels, Community Education and Recreation Director Steve Brisendine, and Finance Director Steve Okins.

Item 1 Finance Director Okins presented an overview of revenue and expense trends in the last five years. Mr. Okins noted an increase in the total budget of \$6 million due to the planned capital expenditures in the old airport/industrial park. The operating budget decrease of \$400,000 is due to the cutting of five staff positions.

Item 2 The Operating Tax Levy was presented noting the levy limit base of \$8,045,524. Mr. Okins explained the Homestead Market Value Exclusion with the State eliminating more than \$260 million, resulting in increases on property tax statements.

Item 3 City Administrator Stevens presented additional funding requests as follows:

- A. Airport Fixed Base Operator at \$23,200, an omission in the 2012 budget.
- B. Charitable organization request from Let's Go Fishing, \$10,000 (\$10,000 per year for five years).
- C. Quint - Fire Department (the fire service apparatus was scheduled for 2013, but could be considered in 2012).

Item 4 City Administrator Stevens reviewed the Capital Outlay proposal with \$1,252,353 in various vehicles. The Council will review the Vehicle Replacement Policy at a future meeting.

Item 5 Watch Items were reviewed by City Administrator Stevens which included Quiet Zones and Storm Water Improvements. Both items are on the planning horizon, but not in 2012.

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

City Clerk  
Kevin Halliday