**NORA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION**

Monday, December 19th 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Nora Springs City Hall

The Nora Springs City Council met in a workshop session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Randy Hassman called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Moen, Brian Pederson, Andrew Hicok, Steven Bailey, and Steve Blickenderfer. Others Present: Jessie Dugan, Ashley Martin, and Renee Bartling

**Business**

Martin starting the workshop off with changes to some of the general funds. The library would like to make the director’s position full-time with benefits. Council would like to continue budgeting for a second office and will wait to see what the county does for the next year.

Public works requested an increase in a variety of line items due to rising cost of supplies. Pool chemicals, road rock, fuel, tires, and other lines will all need a slight increase. Van Hauen also presented quotes to convert the cold storage into heated storage. Martin also asked if council would like to budget for the rental of a street sweeper and if there was interest to budget for crack seal for the roads. Council asked Martin to place everything into the budget for the next workshop for further discussion.

Moving over to expenses, Martin asked what the Council thought of for wages for the upcoming fiscal year. She had provided the Council with the current wages with a 12% CPI increase. Some council expressed dismay for the large increase and would like to discuss this further in the next workshop.

Martin proceeded to walk the Council through the proposed budget requests to gather their input on the requests from other entities and departments. Beginning with the expenses she inquired as to their wants of the following entities requests: The city has allocated $1,550.00 for the ambulance the past few years. The ambulance has not always asked/used their allocation but council would like to keep it in the budget. The Park Cemetery Association requested $4,300.00 which is a little higher than prior years. The Nora Springs Historical Society requested $1,000.00. The Fire Department has requested $16,563.00 for FY23 which is slightly higher than previous years. Council agreed with the request.

Council asked Martin to put all the numbers in the budget and to hold the next budget workshop for January 16th 2023 at 6:00 pm. Blickenderfer motion to adjourn the meeting, Bailey seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting closed at 7:33 p.m.

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Randy Hassman, Mayor

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Ashley Martin, City Administrator