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The La Cygne City Council met on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at the La Cygne City Hall. Council Members present were: Thomas Capp; Jerome Mitzner; David Brenneman; Keith Stoker; and Danny Curtis.

Others in attendance included, but not limited to: City Clerk (CC) Jodi Wade; Public Works Superintendent (PWS) Dan Nasalroad; Ron Wier; Kent Wade; Paul Earl; Linn County Journal Roger Sims; Linn County News Tony Furse (speaker phone).

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER (7:00 P.M.)

2023 REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

Mayor Debra Wilson closed the special meeting at 7:01pm and opened the Public Hearing at 7:02pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Ron Wier asked the governing body why the increase? CC Wade reviewed the definition of a mill levy and the revenue neutral rate. CC Wade explained the equation which utilizes the assessed valuation and budget dollars for determining the mill levy. CC Wade informed Ron Wier the budget dollars were increased by \$15,000 for 2023 due to CPI ranging from 10% - 30% on various products. CC Wade pointed out the mill levy is lowering 10 mills from 2022. CC Wade also reviewed the potential for the appraised values to drop sometime in the next year or two which will lead to the mill levy being raised back up in order to maintain the current budget utilized by the city.

Paul Earl asked about taxing subdivisions. He wanted to know how the housing subdivisions were going to be taxed differently. Paul Earl's question was referring to the public notice which was mailed to all patrons for the revenue neutral rate hearing. CC Wade informed Paul Earl the term "taxing subdivisions" is relevant to taxing entities not housing subdivisions.

Mayor Debra Wilson closed the Public Hearing at 7:12pm and opened the special meeting at 7:12pm.

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Capp motioned to approve Resolution No. 445, a resolution of the City of La Cygne, Kansas to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Motion seconded by Council Member Curtis.

Roll call vote was taken by Mayor Debra Wilson as follows:

Jerome Mitzner	YES
Thomas Capp	YES
Danny Curtis	YES
Keith Stoker	YES
David Brenneman	YES

Resolution No. 445 passed 5-0.

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2023 La CYGNE BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Debra Wilson closed the special meeting at 7:15pm and opened the Public Hearing at 7:15pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC -

Ron Wier asked about the new Police Truck. CC Wade indicated the department rotates trucks about every 6-10 years. Ron asked when the trucks were purchased, CC Wade thought it was in 2010. Discussion was regarding the wear and tear which occurs when the police are in pursuit. Council Member Capp indicated in the past the old police trucks have been rotated to public works for additional service trucks. CC Wade stated the dollars have been on the capital improvement plan since 2021 and the immediate availability of police vehicles is getting difficult. Chief Fenoughty just informed CC Wade today it is a year to a year-and-a-half wait to get a police vehicle.

Mayor Debra Wilson closed the Public Hearing 7:18pm and opened the special meeting at 7:18pm.

CC Wade asked the Council to review the 2023 budget workbook one last time. CC Wade reviewed the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan regarding the items which had been accomplished and the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan outlining the upcoming projects. CC Wade reviewed the changes to the annual transfers for the equipment and capital improvement reserve funds.

Council Member Mitzner discussed the condemnation revenue and expenses. He had concerns about only budgeting \$15,000 which may only allow 1 or 2 homes to be handled annually. CC Wade explained her plan to do a cost summary for 2022 of the condemnations performed to outline the expenses incurred. CC Wade also indicated the budget could be amended in 2023 if necessary to adjust the revenue amounts for condemnation if a larger amount is received.

No further questions or comments.

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Capp motioned to approve the 2023 budget as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Stoker, voted on, passed 5-0.

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Capp moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Mitzner, voted on, passed 5-0. Time 7:30 p.m.

I, _____ La Cygne City Clerk, do hereby declare
(Jodi Wade) the above to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and do hereby subscribe my name on this 24th day of August, 2022.