

CITY OF CASSELTON
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
SPECIAL MEETING 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Lee Anderson, Councilmen Joan Carvell, Mike Eberhardt, Charlie Francis, Char Gust and Kent Buss.
Also present: Bob & Jan Miller, Bruce Jorgenson, Clayton Matson, Amy & Larry Hartz, Broc Lietz, Julie Burgum, Sarah Burchill, Brent Everson, Morgan Forness, Mike Lee and City Auditor Sheila Klevgard.

Final Budget

Councilman Carvell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gust to approve the final budget as unchanged from the preliminary budget. All voted aye on roll call vote; **motion passed.**

Resolution of Support

Councilman Francis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Buss to pass a Resolution of Support of the school referendum. All voted aye on voice vote; **motion passed.**

Options for Financial Support of School

Joint powers agreements between the school, parks and city are used in Fargo to spell out care and maintenance of shared buildings. The city would need to pay someone to operate it if the city built a standalone community center; however, the school could use their staff to operate it if it is attached to the school. Forness' vision of a community center includes uses such as theatre, conventions, church groups, dances and others that would rent the space although alcohol in the building could be a sticking point for wedding dances. Council indicated they didn't want to increase property taxes so they proposed a vote of the people for a 1% increase in sales tax with a limit of \$2 million. It was unclear at this time on what date a vote could be planned. Councilman Francis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Buss to call for a vote of the people for a 1% sales tax increase with a \$2 million limit to be dedicated toward the community center portion of the capital project at the school to be executed through a joint powers agreement with Central Cass Public Schools. All voted aye on roll call vote; **motion passed.**

Councilman Francis made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Next regular meeting October 3, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila K Klevgard
City Auditor