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Mayor Releases 2017-2018 City of Papillion Budget

PAPILLION, Nebraska, July 28, 2017 – The City of Papillion maintains its property tax levy at 45 cents per $100 of assessed valuation in its 2017-2018 budget, released today by Mayor David Black. The portion of the property tax levy that the City of Papillion controls is consistently the lowest of any city in Douglas and Sarpy counties.

“Our property tax levy demonstrates our commitment to using our residents’ tax dollars as efficiently as possible in providing them with high quality services, while still serving a fast growing community” said Mayor David Black. “We also understand the value of our low levy being consistent and predictable for our residents and business property owners.”

The City of Papillion’s proposed total budget is $93,370,503 with a general fund of $26,780,819. The total budget’s significant growth over past years comes primarily as a result of the proposed construction of the City’s community center. A significant portion of the project will be accomplished during the 2017-2018 budget cycle and will be paid for by the voter-approved half-cent increase in local option sales tax that went into effect Jan. 1, 2017.

Other details to note in this year’s budget:

- The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes $500,000 of concrete street improvements, and $1.5 million in construction of the formerly named Lake Side Street in the Prairie Queen development.
- Health insurance premiums for the City have increased by 9% over the previous year.
- The budget accommodates for expiring grant funding for firefighters hired in March 2014.
- Proposed uses of Community Betterment dollars include Tara Hills park shelter improvements, Fricke Field restroom upgrades and Veterans Park improvements.
- Water fund improvements include upgrades to allow the water plant to be operated by generators as well as an additional pump at the Summit ground level storage to ensure water supply for future westerly growth. Sewer fund improvements include a sewer relining project that has been successful in reducing the number of sewer backups into residents’ homes.

Of the City of Papillion’s general fund, only 15% is funded by property tax and nearly 37% is funded by sales tax. Sales tax revenues for the coming year are conservatively budgeted at a 4% increase. Total assessed valuation of Papillion now exceeds $1.64 billion.

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