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Property Tax Levy Remains Consistent in Proposed 2018-2019 Budget

PAPILLION, Nebraska, August 3, 2018 – The City of Papillon’s property tax levy remains consistent at .45 cents per $100 of valuation in the proposed 2018-2019 budget, released today by Mayor David Black. The City of Papillion’s portion of the property tax levy is the lowest among all cities in Douglas and Sarpy County and has not changed since 2011.

“The Elected Officials’ challenge to our City staff each year is maintaining our high quality services while meeting the needs of our growing community under our current property tax levy,” Black said. “Meeting that challenge for the past seven years has resulted in a government organization that is highly efficient with our funds and a levy that is predictable for our residents and business owners.”

The City of Papillion’s proposed total budget for 2018-2019 is $57,020,376, which includes a general fund of $27,103,462. This year’s budget is aligned to the established City Council goals and includes:

- Hiring an additional police officer and public works maintenance position.
- Introduction of a streets management program utilizing cutting-edge technology to inspect and catalog the condition of every Papillion street to assist in long-range planning.
- Funding for a Sixth Street improvement study.
- Significant capital improvement projects (CIP), funded without the use of financing, include: a street sweeper, Cat loader, police radios, library HVAC, levee certification, concrete and asphalt repairs, and police cruisers.
- Community Betterment (Keno) funds allocated for Fricke Field restroom upgrades, a proposed Walnut Creek dog park, 150th celebration, historical markers and Veterans Park improvements.
- Completion of water plant electrical upgrades necessary to ensure backup generator power.
- Projected revenue under the City’s half-cent sales tax is $3.575 million and will be directed toward debt service of the community center and field house project.

Of the City of Papillion’s general fund, only 15.5 percent is funded by property tax and more than 37 percent is funded by sales tax. Sales tax revenues for the coming year are conservatively budgeted at a 4 percent increase. Total assessed valuation of Papillion is nearly $1.9 billion.

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