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Proposed 2019-2020 Budget Makes Heavy Investments in Roads

PAPILLION, Nebraska, August 2, 2019 – The City of Papillion will make significant investments in road improvements in its proposed 2019-2020 budget, released today by Mayor David Black.

“This budget reflects several overarching goals set by the City Council — maintaining our road system, maintaining our strong financial position, improving our recreational facilities, preserving our downtown and protecting our small-town feel and sense of community,” said Mayor David Black. “I’m proud that, through our highly efficient City staff, we are able to achieve these goals, maintain our high quality services, and meet the needs of our new growth, all under a property tax levy that continues to be the lowest of all cities in the Metro area.”

The City of Papillion’s proposed total budget for 2019-2020 is \$88,202,033, which includes a general fund of \$29,302,373. This year’s budget is aligned to the established City Council goals and includes:

- Heavy investments in roads:
 - The most significant is implementation of a comprehensive street improvement plan based on results from last year’s first-time city-wide pavement assessment. The plan includes \$2.2 million for reconstructing poorly-rated streets and adding protective layers to a portion of good-quality streets.
 - An additional \$100,000 in pothole repairs.
 - Capital improvement projects: Resurfacing three bridge decks and a Highway 370 adaptive signal project.
- Staffing increases: Three additional police officers and two additional public works maintenance positions to serve newly annexed areas; and six additional firefighters starting halfway through the budget year.
- Additional K-9 team to help with increased call-outs for service and mutual aid requests.
- Upgrades to Fricke Field and Schwer Park restrooms, reroofing several park shelters and updating the parks comprehensive plan.
- Renovation of the bottom two floors of City Hall.
- Community Betterment (Keno) funds allocated for Papillion’s 150th celebration and continued improvements at Veterans Park.
- Projected revenue under the City’s voter-approved half-cent sales tax is \$4.22 million and will be directed toward debt service of the Papillion Landing community center and field house project.

Of the City of Papillion’s general fund, only 14.6% is funded by property tax, and 40.1% is funded by sales tax. Sales tax revenues for the coming year are conservatively budgeted at a 4.5% increase. Total preliminary assessed valuation of Papillion is approximately \$2.46 billion.

The City of Papillion’s property tax levy remains consistent at .45 cents per \$100 of valuation in the proposed 2019-2020 budget. The City of Papillion’s portion of the property tax levy is the lowest among all cities in Douglas and Sarpy County.

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