

TOWN OF ALPINE  
BUDGET HEARING - MINUTES  
JUNE 14, 2005

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PUBLIC HEARING 126-ORDINANCE NO. 2005-16

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Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Dave Lloyd.

Roll was called Mayor Lloyd, present - Steve Fusco, present - D.R. Hutchinson, present - Don Jorgensen, present - Kathy Swiston excused out of town, Treasurer Bennett, present. Quorum was established.

Mayor Lloyd read 126 – ORDINANCE NO. 2005 – 16 (see attached), stating that this was the first reading. Treasurer asked if there were any questions from council or Mayor. Council member Steve Fusco wanted to know why we were getting less money from the county. Mayor Lloyd said we would have to ask the County Commissioners when they come for their meeting. Council member Fusco wanted to know if we got more hook ups to sewer if that would bring the sewer budget into the black. Treasurer Bennett said it would only take two sewer hook ups to pull us out of the red in that department. Mayor Lloyd wanted to know if the streets and road budget amount included the price for snow plowing & removal. Treasurer Bennett said yes it did and broke it down for them.

Mayor Lloyd asked for public comments and or questions. Diggs Lewis wanted to know if the police department budget included pension, taxes, insurance. Treasurer advised him it did include the entire above plus vehicle fuel, maintenance, and insurance. Treasurer did inform Mr. Lewis that this did not include court costs as they were a separate line item which Mr. Lewis found. Mr. Lewis stated that we showed interest income and wanted to know how much the town had in saving's, Mayor Lloyd informed him approximately \$150,000.00. Treasurer informed Mr. Lewis that was just for the general department as water and sewer were their own identity and had their own savings accounts. Treasurer Bennett informed Mr. Lewis that the water department has paid off three loans this year. Mr. Lewis wanted to know if snow removal was included in the monies listed in the budget, he was informed that it was included in the streets & roads budget. Mr. Lewis asked if we were audited every year. Treasurer Bennett informed him that yes in fact we are audited every year by a local CPA. Treasurer Bennett also informed him that she had requested an outside independent audit to be done every two to three years and that she had permission from the council to do so as it is very expensive. Mr. Gobb asked if we would consider going back to a contract service with Lincoln Co. for our police to save money and if not why? Mayor Lloyd stated that we would not consider that as we would not save that much, in fact it may cost more than what we are paying now. We have better and faster coverage than what we would be able to get with the sheriffs department, plus we get to keep the revenue here. Mayor Lloyd asked if there were any other questions. Dave Gustafson stated that the town needed to hire a planner. Mayor Lloyd said it was being worked on. Treasurer Bennett stated there was a grant

turned in waiting approval. It was decided to have planning & zoning come to a council meeting to let the council know exactly what they need.

**Motion was made by D.R. Hutchinson to pass the first reading of 126 – ORDINANCE NO. 2005-16. Don Jorgensen seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.**

Mayor Lloyd adjourned meeting at 6:55 pm.

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David Lloyd, Mayor

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Date

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Brenda Bennett, Treasurer

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