

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
2015 OPERATING BUDGET
December, 16 2014
6:30 pm**

Mayor Heinzman called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Heinzman, Mike Swanson, Rita Burke, Gail Ganga, Eddie Hills, Mike Couch was absent. Staff present was Debbie Boyd. Also present were about 10 citizens.

Mayor Heinzman opens the meeting stating the purpose of the meeting is for public comment regarding 2015 Operating Budget. She asks if anyone has a comment or question. Klaye Kitchen asked why some people had to pay for copies of the budget and fill out a request form and others didn't. The clerk replied that everyone filled out the same form and paid the fee. He said he thought that another man had not. But when asked he confirmed that he had indeed paid.

Another citizen Don Fry asked several questions concerning the budget. He asked several questions concerning the medical insurance, the water manager wages, and maintenance and meters in the water fund. Rita Burke thanked them all for coming and taking an interest.

For future consideration the franchise fee paid by wave cable, and a possibility of the cemetery becoming tax funded were mentioned as ways to keep revenues coming into them. The tax issue would be voted on by the residents, the cemetery is run by donation only and the donations have gone down considerably in the last 5 years. The Lyman Car and Craft show donates a large amount of money every year but it goes to the rebuilding of the cook shack in the park.

If the franchise fee is raised to Wave, they would in turn bill the users for the increase, so much consideration will go into the raise if any the council will ask for. Rita Burke suggests that the negotiations could start soon.

Mayor Heinzman asks if there are any more citizen comments.

Mayor Heinzman adjourned the meeting a 7:15pm.