2025

CERTIFICATE

To the Clerk of Johnson County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
City of Fairway
certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;
(2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was duly approved and adopted as the maximum expenditures for the various funds for the year 2025; and
(3) the Amounts(s) of 2024 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations.

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Fund	**K.S.A.**				
General	12-101a	6	7,380,568	2,725,524	
Debt Service	10-113		398,801	140,785	
Library	12-1220				
Special Highway			157,545		
Fairway Tree Fund			9,625		
Drug Tax					
SIM Fund			155,218		
Sales Tax 2014 Fund			658,973		
Stormwater Fund			930,913		
Spec. Parks & Recreation			2,256		
55th & Parkway CID			45,000		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A					
Totals		xxxxxx	9,738,899	2,866,310	
Budget Hearing Notice					County Clerk's Use Only
Combined Rate and Budget Hearing Notice					
RNR Hearing Notice					
Neighborhood Revitalization					Nov 1, 2024 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate: 18.646

Assisted by:
Nathan Nogelmeier
City Administrator
Address:
5240 Belinder Road
Fairway, KS 66205
Email:
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Attest: October 30 2024
Amy Meeker-Berg
County Clerk

Governing Body

AMY MEEKER-BERG COUNTY CLERK JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

CPA Summary

City of Fairway 2025

Allocation of MV, RV, 16/20M, Commercial Vehicle, and Watercraft Tax Estimates

Budgeted Fund for 2024	Ad Valorem Levy Tax Year 2023	Allocation for Year 2025				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	2,565,211	191,642	312	76	923	0
Debt Service	116,367	8,694	14	3	42	0
Library						
TOTAL	2,681,578	200,336	326	79	965	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate	200,336				
County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate		326			
County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate			79		
County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate				965	
County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate					0

Motor Vehicle Factor	0.07471				
Recreational Vehicle Factor		0.00012			
16/20M Vehicle Factor			0.00003		
Commercial Vehicle Factor				0.00036	
Watercraft Factor					0.00000

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Schedule of Transfers

Expenditure Fund Transferred From:	Receipt Fund Transferred To:	Actual Amount for 2023	Current Amount for 2024	Proposed Amount for 2025	Transfers Authorized by Statute
General Fund	CIP	750,000	1,136,950	789,908	12-1,118
General Fund	Equipment Reserve	10,000	10,000	70,000	12-1,117
General Fund	SIM Fund	35,000	36,774	68,745	by ordinance
General Fund	Debt Service				by ordinance
	Totals	795,000	1,183,724	928,653	
	Adjustments				
	Adjusted Totals	795,000	1,183,724	928,653	

*Note: Adjustments are required only if the transfer is being made in 2024 and/or 2025 from a non-budgeted fund.

City of Fairway 2025

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Date of Retirement	Interest Rate %	Amount Issued	Beginning Amount Outstanding Jan 1, 2024	Date Due		Amount Due 2024		Amount Due 2025	
						Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
General Obligation:											
Series 2014-A	########	9/1/2034	1.00	1,000,000	575,000	9/1	9/1	5,750	50,000	5,250	50,000
Series 2015-A	2/20/2015	9/1/2034	1.0-3.0	2,100,000	1,745,000	3/1&9/1	9/1	49,475	50,000	48,525	150,000
Series 2016-A Refunding	########	9/1/2029	1.96	3,760,000	2,590,000	3/1&9/1	9/1	51,800	410,000	43,600	415,000
Series 2019-A	4/5/2019	9/1/2038	2.70	1,845,000	1,545,000	3/1&9/1	9/1	42,465	85,000	39,915	90,000
Total G.O. Bonds					**6,455,000**			**149,490**	**595,000**	**137,290**	**705,000**
Revenue Bonds:											
Total Revenue Bonds					**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Other:											
Total Other					**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Indebtedness					**6,455,000**			**149,490**	**595,000**	**137,290**	**705,000**

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STATEMENT OF CONDITIONAL LEASE-PURCHASE AND CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION*

Item Purchased	Contract Date	Term of Contract (Months)	Interest Rate %	Total Amount Financed (Beginning Principal)	Principal Balance As Beginning of 2024	Payments Due 2024	Payments Due 2025
PW Facility Lease/Purchase	1/6/2015	120 mo	2.25	850,000	98,548	100,214	0
Street Sweeper	1/13/2017	84 mo	3.08	172,281	27,736	27,736	0
				Totals	**126,284**	**127,950**	**0**

***If leasing/renting with no intent to purchase, do not list--such transactions are not lease-purchases.**

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **General**	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	1,115,333	1,510,664	991,355
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	2,258,567	2,565,211	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	8,818		
Motor Vehicle Tax	175,489	186,382	191,642
Recreational Vehicle Tax	1,748	1,910	312
16/20M Vehicle Tax			76
Commercial Vehicle Tax			923
Watercraft Tax			0
Gross Earning (Intangible) Tax			0
Mineral Production Tax			
Local Alcoholic Liquor	2,785	1,500	2,500
Compensating Use Tax			
Local Sales Tax	1,798,385	1,600,000	1,720,000
Franchise Tax	344,963	307,000	318,000
Rental, OCC, CMB and Dog Licenses	44,070	40,500	51,100
Building Permits	445,865	210,000	175,000
Court Costs/Fines	171,378	120,000	170,000
Solid Waste/Recycling	334,526	345,000	350,361
Parks & Recreation Revenues	443,844	420,000	453,500
Alarms/Fingerprinting/ROW	18,680	17,350	17,700
Interest on Investments	82,999	76,800	80,000
Record Copying/Trash Bags	1,338	1,100	1,200
Donations/logo products	45	25	25
TIF Fees	0	114,000	116,000
CID	376	320	350
In Lieu of Taxes (IRB)			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous	22,344		15,000
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total R			
Total Receipts	**6,156,220**	**6,007,098**	**3,663,689**
Resources Available:	**7,271,553**	**7,517,762**	**4,655,044**

City of Fairway

FUND PAGE - GENERAL

Adopted Budget General	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Resources Available:	7,271,553	7,517,762	4,655,044

Expenditures:			
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
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Subtotal detail (Should agree with detail	0	0	0
Administration	1,657,072	1,647,480	1,865,667
Police	1,293,326	1,521,975	1,810,880
Court	147,661	130,368	133,404
Public Works	952,570	1,080,480	1,222,249
Parks & Recreation	915,260	962,380	1,119,715
Tranfer to Debt Service			
Transfer to Capital Improvement Prog.	750,000	1,136,950	789,908
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	10,000	10,000	70,000
Transfer to Shawnee Indian Msn. Fund	35,000	36,774	68,745
General Fund Reserve			300,000
			0
			.
Cash Reserve (2025 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total E			
Total Expenditures	**5,760,889**	**6,526,407**	**7,380,568**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	1,510,664	991,355	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2023/2024/2025 Budget Authority Amou	5,761,611	6,876,407	7,380,568
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	7,380,568
		Tax Required	2,725,524
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2024 Ad Valorem Tax	2,725,524

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Adopted Budget **Debt Service**	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	110,228	121,835	64,263
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	165,670	116,367	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	677	235	
Motor Vehicle Tax	13,889	13,669	8,694
Recreational Vehicle Tax	146	140	14
16/20M Vehicle Tax			3
Commercial Vehicle Tax			42
Watercraft Tax			0
Sales Tax	198,339	175,000	185,000
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**378,721**	**305,411**	**193,753**
Resources Available:	**488,949**	**427,246**	**258,016**
Expenditures:			
Bond Payment Series 2016-A	237,099	235,518	233,886
Bond Payment Series 2019-A	130,015	127,465	129,915
Additional Debt Reduction			
Cash Reserve (2025 column)			35,000
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellanous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**367,114**	**362,983**	**398,801**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	121,835	64,263	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2023/2024/2025 Budget Authority Amoun	401,814	397,983	398,801
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	398,801
		Tax Required	140,785
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2024 Ad Valorem Tax	140,785

Adopted Budget **Library**	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1		0	0
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax		0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax			
Recreational Vehicle Tax			
16/20M Vehicle Tax			
Commercial Vehicle Tax			
Watercraft Tax			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**0**	**0**	**0**
Resources Available:	**0**	**0**	**0**
Expenditures:			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**0**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2023/2024/2025 Budget Authority Amoun	0	0	0
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	0
		Tax Required	0
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2024 Ad Valorem Tax	0

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH NO TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **Special Highway**	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	169,929	68,156	50,396
Receipts:			
State of Kansas Gas Tax	123,226	107,240	107,150
County Transfers Gas		0	0
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total R			
Total Receipts	**123,226**	**107,240**	**107,150**
Resources Available:	**293,155**	**175,396**	**157,546**
Expenditures:			
Street Repairs		25,000	25,000
CIP Street Projects	224,999	100,000	100,000
Cash Reserve (2025 column)			32,545
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total E			
Total Expenditures	**224,999**	**125,000**	**157,545**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	68,156	50,396	1
2023/2024/2025 Budget Authority Amou	253,414	160,028	157,545

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Fairway Tree Fund	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	17,835	43,610	9,775
Receipts:			
Tree Protection Fees	25,775	0	0
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total R			
Total Receipts	**25,775**	**0**	**0**
Resources Available:	**43,610**	**43,610**	**9,775**
Expenditures:			
Tree Expenses	0	33,835	9,625
Cash Reserve (2025 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total E			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**33,835**	**9,625**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	43,610	9,775	150
2023/2024/2025 Budget Authority Amou	11,785	33,985	9,625

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH NO TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **Sales Tax 2014 Fund**	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	316,100	419,413	283,973
Receipts:			
Local Sales Tax	397,388	375,000	375,000
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**397,388**	**375,000**	**375,000**
Resources Available:	**713,488**	**794,413**	**658,973**
Expenditures:			
Lease/Purchase of PW Facility	100,214	100,215	
GO Bond Payment 2014-A	56,251	55,750	55,250
GO Bond Payment 2015-A	95,330	99,475	198,525
Parks & Rec. Capital Outlay	42,280	255,000	375,000
Cash Reserve (2025 column)			30,198
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**294,075**	**510,440**	**658,973**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	419,413	283,973	0
2023/2024/2025 Budget Authority Amount:	531,759	514,305	658,973

Adopted Budget

Stormwater Fund	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	172,290	146,618	269,255
Receipts:			
Stormwater Utility Fee	250,737	510,000	500,000
County Participation		44,655	161,659
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**250,737**	**554,655**	**661,659**
Resources Available:	**423,027**	**701,273**	**930,914**
Expenditures:			
Bond Payment 2016-A	227,801	226,282	227,714
Stormwater Eng/maint/projects	17,071	178,000	363,404
Misc./Streetsweeper	27,736	27,736	
Cash Reserve			339,795
Cash Reserve (2025 column)			
Miscellaneous	3,802		
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**276,410**	**432,018**	**930,913**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	146,618	269,255	1
2023/2024/2025 Budget Authority Amount:	423,571	622,195	930,913

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Adopted Budget **Drug Tax**	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1		0	0
Receipts:			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total R			
Total Receipts	**0**	**0**	**0**
Resources Available:	**0**	**0**	**0**
Expenditures:			
Cash Reserve (2025 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total E			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**0**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	0	0
2023/2024/2025 Budget Authority Amou	0	0	0

Adopted Budget

SIM Fund	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	3,615	3,409	2,085
Receipts:			
Admission/Programs/Events/Rentals	7,030	7,500	7,500
SIM Foundation	75,000	80,000	80,000
Donation	359	0	
Transfer from General Fund	35,000	36,537	68,745
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total R			
Total Receipts	**117,389**	**124,037**	**156,245**
Resources Available:	**121,004**	**127,446**	**158,330**
Expenditures:			
Personnel/Salaries	77,308	77,974	112,038
Uniforms	213	200	250
Maintenance	18,561	19,100	19,100
Operating Supplies	601	500	500
Membership/Publicity	76	80	80
Utilities	18,736	22,000	22,000
Programs	2,100	2,100	1,250
Cash Reserve (2025 column)		3,114	0
Miscellaneous		293	0
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total E			
Total Expenditures	**117,595**	**125,361**	**155,218**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	3,409	2,085	3,112
2023/2024/2025 Budget Authority Amou	118,056	154,575	155,218

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Adopted Budget **Spec. Parks & Recreation**	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	6,431	8,506	756
Receipts:			
Local Alcoholic Liquor Tax	2,075	1,500	1,500
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**2,075**	**1,500**	**1,500**
Resources Available:	**8,506**	**10,006**	**2,256**
Expenditures:			
Park Improvements		9,250	
Cash Reserve			2,256
Cash Reserve (2025 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**9,250**	**2,256**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	8,506	756	0
2023/2024/2025 Budget Authority Amount:	6,252	9,431	2,256

Adopted Budget

55th & Parkway CID	Prior Year Actual for 2023	Current Year Estimate for 2024	Proposed Budget Year for 2025
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	12,937	2,930	30
Receipts:			
Local CID Sales Tax	27,629	35,000	45,000
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**27,629**	**35,000**	**45,000**
Resources Available:	**40,566**	**37,930**	**45,030**
Expenditures:			
Developer Distribution	37,260	37,500	44,500
Transfer to General Fund	376	400	500
Cash Reserve (2025 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**37,636**	**37,900**	**45,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	2,930	30	30
2023/2024/2025 Budget Authority Amount:	38,000	40,000	45,000

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CITY OF FAIRWAY
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FAIRWAY KS 66205-2018

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HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING
8/27/24

Maureen Gillespie, Legal Notices Billing Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this date:

August 27, 2024

Notary Public

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Notary Public-State of Kansas
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State of Kansas
City

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

2025

The governing body of

City of Fairway

will meet on September 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Fairway City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Fairway City Hall or www.fairwaykansas.org and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2025 Expenditures and Amount of 2024 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2025 budget.

Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2023		Current Year Estimate for 2024		Proposed Budget Year for 2025		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2024 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate *
General	5,760,889	18.568	6,526,407	19.105	7,380,568	2,725,524	18.951
Debt Service	367,114	1.362	362,983	0.867	398,801	140,785	0.979
Library							
Special Highway	224,999		125,000		157,545		
Fairway Tree Fund			33,835		9,625		
Drug Tax							
SIM Fund	117,595		125,361		155,218		
Sales Tax 2014 Fund	294,075		510,440		658,973		
Stormwater Fund	276,410		432,018		930,913		
Spec. Parks & Recreation			9,250		2,256		
55th & Parkway CID	37,636		37,900		45,000		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	905,383						
Totals	7,984,101	19.930	8,163,194	19.972	9,738,899	2,866,310	19.930
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*18.646*
Less: Transfers	795,000		1,183,724		928,653		
Net Expenditure	7,189,101		6,979,470		8,810,246		
Total Tax Levied	2,438,021		2,681,578		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	122,334,018		134,277,477		143,823,228		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2022	2023	2024
G.O. Bonds	7,605,000	7,295,000	6,455,000
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	383,852	250,388	126,284
Total	7,988,852	7,545,388	6,581,284

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

***Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Nathan Nogelmeier

City Official Title: City Administrator

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Resolution No. 2024-D

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAIRWAY, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the City of Fairway was calculated as 18.646 mills by the Johnson County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the City of Fairway will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on September 9, 2024 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Fairway, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRWAY:

The City of Fairway shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 18.646 mills.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2024 and **SIGNED** by the Mayor.

Mayor

Attested:

City Clerk

Roll Call Vote

A Roll Call Vote of the ___Fairway City Council___ To Levy a Property Tax Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate

Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate held on September 9, 2024__

Resolution No. _____2024-D_____

Governing Body Member	Yes	No	No Vote
Tanya Keys	✓		
Joseph Levin	✓		
Dan Bailey	✓		
Lee Story	✓		
Kelly-Ann Buszek		✓	
Jerry Williams	✓		
David Watkins	✓		
Jenna Brofsky	✓		
TOTAL	7	1	

Certified:

City Administrator

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRWAY, KANSAS

The Council of the City of Fairway, Kansas, held their regular meeting at 6:30 P.M. at 5240 Belinder Road, Fairway, Kansas, on Monday, September 9, 2024.

Present: Council Members Jenna Brofsky, David Watkins, Jerry Williams; Kelly Ann Buszek, Lee Story, Dan Bailey, Joseph Levin (via Zoom) and Tanya Keys.

Absent: None.

Presiding: Mayor Melanie Hepperly.

Staff Present: Nathan Nogelmeier, City Administrator; J.P. Thurlo, Police Chief; Brice Soeken, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Visitors: Jim Haffner, 6242 Glenfield; John Hale, 6018 Catalina; Brian Robinson, 5301 Norwood Street.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hepperly called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hepperly led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS: NATIONAL CO-RESPONDER & CRISIS RESPONDER WEEK NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

Mayor Hepperly thanked a group of co-responders in the audience for attending the meeting. In recognition of their service to the community, Mayor Hepperly read a Proclamation designating the week of September 15 as National Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week in the City of Fairway. She presented the Proclamation to each of the co-responders and thanked them for their service.

Mayor Hepperly next read a Proclamation designating September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the City of Fairway. She encouraged all residents to take the time to inquire about the wellbeing of their family, friends and neighbors and genuinely convey appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate.

MONTHLY REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2, CHIEF CHICK

Mayor Hepperly explained that the Consolidated Fire District No. 2 reports are provided on a quarterly basis and tonight there will be no report.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, MR. NOGELMEIER

Monthly Report

City Administrator Nogelmeier reported that the Administration and Finance Committee met on August 28, 2024. He highlighted that the Committee discussed the estimate received for repairing the tunnel under Shawnee Mission Parkway. The estimate to restore the tunnel was $125,000 and the Committee added a placeholder, including some contingency, to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the summer of 2025 at a cost of $150,000.

Councilwoman Brofsky asked for an update on discussions with the Home Owners Associations about removal of the restrictive covenant language.

City Administrator Nogelmeier stated that he has worked with the President of Fieldston on the language and the process and has also connected her to the appropriate County personnel on that matter.

As for Finance, City Administrator Nogelmeier stated that the June sales tax collections were received in August at $222,000, which is above the budgeted amount of $194,000. Thus far in 2024, the collections are a little below what was collected in 2023, but the difference is not significant.

POLICE COMMITTEE, CHIEF THURLO

Monthly Report

Chief Thurlo referred the Council to the report in the packet subject to questions. He highlighted several situations that occurred over the past month.

Councilman Williams thanked Chief Thurlo for spending time last week helping to interview several vendors at the Old Mission Church for a security system they are planning to upgrade.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MR. STOGSDILL

Monthly Report

Mayor Hepperly explained that Director Stogsdill is not present at the meeting and she referred the Council to the report in the packet. She asked that if Council had questions about the report that they direct those questions to Director Stogsdill.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, MR. SOEKEN

Monthly Report

Director Soeken referred to his report in the packet. He reported that the Touch-A-Truck event is scheduled for September 21, 2024 and the outdoor movie that evening will be Little Giants. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2024.

MONTHLY REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Tree Board

No report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hepperly outlined the three items on the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda items include the following: (A) Minutes of Previous Regular City Council Meeting; (B) Claims and Appropriations – Ordinance #1812 – August 2024; (C) Proposal from DoodyCalls for Pet Waste Station Installation and Service Proposal.

Mayor Hepperly asked for discussion. Hearing none, she asked for public comment. Hearing none, she asked for a motion.

Councilman Bailey moved that the Council approve Consent Agenda items A through C on the Consent Agenda. Councilman Story seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and 2025 Budget Hearing.

B. Consider Resolution 2024-D – A Resolution of the City of Fairway, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.

C. Consider 2025 Budget and 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.

City Administrator Nogelmeier presented the 2025 Budget. He stated that the draft of the 2025 budget will include a flat mill levy rate. The actual mil levy rate for 2024 was 19.974 and that mill levy rate will be used for 2025. The general fund excluding reserves increased by 8.49 percent for the 2025 budget to just over $7 million. The total unrestricted reserve funds are just over $1.1 million and are split between the general fund reserve and the equipment fund reserve. Health insurance has not increased for the last two years, but an increase of 6 to 8 percent is expected mid-year.

He stated $70,000 will be transferred from the general fund to the equipment reserve fund for CIP equipment purchases, and $790,000 from the general fund will be transferred to the CIP for future projects. This is the second largest budgeted transfer into the CIP behind 2024, which was $1.1 million. A transfer of just under $70,000 will also be made to the Shawnee Indian Mission Fund to help cover operating costs.

The Police Department budget includes funding for new computers and mobile data terminals for patrol vehicles along with the second of three annual payments for the new body cameras and video systems that were installed in 2023.

The Public Works Department budget includes funding for surveying half of the City's cul-de-sacs, which will allow them to have a better idea of where the rights of way are located on the cul-de-sacs. Public Works will also be getting new desktop and laptop computers.

The Parks and Recreation Department budget includes funding to replace the second half of the pool furniture, purchasing new gym mats for the multipurpose room at City Hall and replacement of park patron counters to get a better picture of the number of patrons at City Parks.

The Administration budget includes funds for a crossing guard for the Highlands Elementary Crossing at 62nd Street and Roe, and for installation of the Petway stations throughout the City along with weekly service of those stations. The public areas of City Hall and the Council Chambers will be repainted. The budget also includes the Government Relations Consulting Agreement with Federico and Durst as well as the market adjustments implemented in July for employee salaries as well as a 5 percent merit pool that will be implemented in the first part of 2025 so that the City is not falling behind on employee salaries.

City Administrator Nogelmeier also stated that revenue will increase by just under 7 percent due to additional fees and capturing the increases from valuations from the Johnson County property tax appraisals.

He also discussed the debt service funds for 2025.

City Administrator Nogelmeier presented a slide showing how Fairway compares with other cities in Kansas, explaining that Fairway has the fourth lowest mill levy of cities of the second class (defined by population), the sixth lowest for cities of the first and second class, the third lowest overall mill levy rate for cities of the second class in the state of Kansas and the sixth lowest mill levy rate with populations over 1,000.

Finally, City Administrator Nogelmeier showed a pie shaped illustration showing that the City of Fairway represents only 17 percent of the tax bill residents receive from the County. The largest consumer of property taxes is the School District at about 43 percent.

City Administrator Nogelmeier offered to answer questions from the Council.

Councilman Story stated that this is the first budget process he has gone through as a Councilmember and he applauds the zero-based process, which gives the Council the opportunity to pressure text every dollar spent from every department the previous year and how those are going to be impacted in the coming year. He thinks that staff and the Council have done an excellent job of trying to keep a lid on spending while continuing to deliver the excellent services that Fairway is known for and residents' demand.

Mayor Hepperly thanked Councilman Story for his comments. She agrees that the process is solid, in that it begins each new year at zero, and then the Council analyzes each service that the City provides and considers, (1) whether to leave the service the same, (2) whether the service involves things residents no longer desire or whether there is a more efficient way to offer that service, and (3) whether the service should be enhanced. That process is followed for each department so it truly is built from the ground up each year. She added that staff and department heads do a wonderful job of putting all the information together and presenting it to each of the Committees and Council for review.

Councilwoman Brofsky recalled that City Administrator Nogelmeier stated in his presentation that the mill levy remains the same. She thinks there was some confusion among residents about that and asked for further explanation.

City Administrator Nogelmeier responded that for the 2024 budget year, the mill levy rate was 19.930 and that mill levy could change maybe a hundredth of a point or so as the County concludes the appraisal process.

Mayor Hepperly added that the mill levy rate is the same as the tax rate. She noted that Fairway has left the tax rate flat for 9 years in a row.

City Administrator Nogelmeier explained that page 16 of the budget document shows how property taxes are calculated based on the value of the home. This allows you to calculate exactly what the City's portion of property taxes are and it is about 17 percent of the total tax bill.

Mayor Hepperly explained that while the tax rate mill levy remains the same, the valuation of a resident's property could go up, but that is not something the City can control.

Councilman Williams also applauded the budgeting process and that the budget includes salary adjustments for City employees because Fairway has the best employees around and it is important to retain them.

Councilman Levin agreed with comments made by the other Councilmembers as to the budget process.

Mayor Hepperly stated that the Council will be considering items A, B and C together and she will ask for combined public comment on all three items.

Mayor Hepperly read Resolution 2024-D – A Resolution of the City of Fairway, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate into the record, as follows:

Resolution No. 2024-D

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAIRWAY, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the City of Fairway was calculated as 18.646 mills by the Johnson County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the City of Fairway will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on September 9, 2024 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Fairway, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRWAY:

The City of Fairway shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 18.646 mills.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2024 and SIGNED by the Mayor.

Mayor Hepperly explained that the State legislature passed the revenue neutral rate requirement for cities about three years ago. The process requires that revenues stay the same in 2025 as they were in 2024, which means the City would not be allowed to increase the budget by 8 percent, which it has proposed due to costs.

City Administrator Nogelmeier added that the revenue neutral rate only includes property tax revenue and does not include other revenues the City brings in through Parks and Recreation fees or other fees. It specifically caps the amount of property tax dollars a city can receive to the same level as the previous year.

Mayor Hepperly asked for questions from the Council.

Hearing none, Mayor Hepperly opened the Public Hearing.

Jim Haffner, 6242 Glenfield, asked how much more the City will want from him on his taxes.

City Administrator Nogelmeier responded that the amount of a resident's taxes is based on individual property values.

Mr. Haffner noted that the revenue neutral rate is 13.05 and the maximum tax is 13.95. He asked if the 13.95 is what the City will be asking for.

City Administrator Nogelmeier explained that the 13.95 would be keeping the mill levy flat at 19.930 and that is what the City is proposing. He added that once the City published notification of this meeting setting its maximum mill levy rate at 19.930, the City cannot increase that rate. However, the County may adjust that revenue neutral rate by one tenth or one hundredth of a point based on the outcome of outstanding appeals.

Mr. Haffner stated that he understood the estimate for tunnel repairs was $80,000 but now that amount has increased to over $100,000. He asked what was going to be done to the tunnel.

City Administrator Nogelmeier responded that the tunnel repairs will be extensive and will take close to a month. There will be substantial sandblasting and then reconstruction inside of the tunnel as well as replacement of the ramp walls on the north side. The $85,000 amount was obtained in May of 2022, but the work planned at that time was not as extensive as what is now needed.

Mr. Haffner explained that he lives in the Ward that is changing dramatically. He wondered what the impact is for income coming into the City from one year to the next when a home valued at $500,000 is torn down and replaced with a $1.1 million home.

City Administrator Nogelmeier responded that in terms of the appraisal process, he and Mayor Hepperly attended a meeting several years ago where the County was clear that it was not their intent to allow a tear down and rebuild to have a substantial impact on an existing structure's property value. On the appraisal bill, residents might see a comparison address of a new build but that is simply because it was a sold property and is not necessarily based on the value of that new home. If a $500,000 home was torn down and replaced with a $1.5 million home, the City would see an incremental increase in property taxes because of the

increase in value of the new structure. It is not a one-for-one comparison. For example, sometimes new homes are being built that might cost $2.5 million, but in terms of the appraisal, they are looking at square footage and are not looking at finishes or amenities that are in the home. So, while the home might cost $2.5 million with all the bells and whistles, the County may only appraise it at $1.5 million.

Mr. Heffner asked if the County would then catch up with that the following year.

City Administrator Nogelmeier does not think that the County would catch up. He stated that generally, the County appraisal will run between 10 and 20 percent below the market value. Statutorily they are required to be within 20 percent of the market, up or down. So, looking at property tax bills, most homes will be able to sell about 10 percent above the County's appraisal.

John Hale, 6018 Catalina, asked, using Mr. Heffner's example, if the County increases the home next door by $1 million, whether that would raise the City's assessed valuation. Thus, if the assessment in the City was $10 million, and now it is $11 million, using the revenue neutral rate, the City would now take the revenue neutral rate on the increased amount.

Councilman Bailey stated that if every home in Fairway stayed at the exact same valuation as the previous year, except for one house that was torn down and rebuilt and there was an extra $1 million in valuation, the City would still go through the revenue neutral rate process because the City would recognize the extra valuation of that one home.

Councilman Watkins referred to page 15 of the budget which shows a summary of how the assessed value of Fairway real property has changed over the last 10 years.

Mr. Hale explained that the County provided him with information showing that for 2022 and 2023, the City received an extra $441,000. There is a discussion concerning what that $441,000 amount involves. Mr. Hale stated that his point is that residents have given the City almost $450,000 over those two years.

Councilman Watkins stated that the County collects the tax and then it is distributed to the City so residents do not give the City anything. He stated that every year Fairway collects more tax than the year before because thankfully, the value of property in Fairway increases.

Mr. Hale pointed out that Fairway has increased taxes every year, although minimally, for 6 of the last 7 years, while the County, over that same period, has gone down.

Councilman Watkins pointed out that the County budget and expenditures have gone up considerably over the past 6 years.

Mr. Hale responded that he is talking about the County's mill levy.

Councilman Watkins responded that is the whole concept of the revenue neutral rate. If Fairway stayed at the same revenues as last year, the mill levy would go down considerably and then the City would be having discussions about what services should be cut. He added that the City's costs do not stay the same.

Mr. Hale stated that the difference between him and the City is that he has to cut expenditures because he doesn't have the opportunity to raise his revenue. His revenue is on a fixed basis and cities, the County and other governmental bodies do not have the same restrictions. If the City wants to spend more money for whatever reason, it just taxes residents more. He cannot force the government to give him more money in Social Security. Any time he wants to make an expenditure, he has to determine whether that expenditure is based on something he wants or something he needs.

Councilman Watkins responded that is what the City does in the budgeting process. And, he does not think the City funds any "wants."

Mr. Hale stated that he does not see where the City needs the pet waste stations and would consider that a "want."

Mr. Hale asked if anyone is doing an analysis of when the money is spent. He knows people who have worked in the government and during the 4th quarter, managers come around and say that the various departments need to spent more money.

Mayor Hepperly responded that does not happen in Fairway. She explained when she came on to the Council as a finance person, the first thing she asked is where are the reserves. And that was because the budgets were built on the prior year's budget. Starting in 2010, the City moved to a zero-based budgeting process where they no longer look at the prior year's budget. The process is based on what it costs to run the City. If the costs go down, then the budget will go down; however, costs are not going down.

City Administrator Nogelmeier added that when you look at the 4th quarter expense reports, all the department heads know that the money they spend out of the general fund budget means less money gets transferred to the CIP. This means that the more money spent every year on operational needs takes away from the ability to buy new police cars or make improvements such as mil and overlay of roads or at the swimming pool. When looking at year end expenditures there are transfers, which means the City is taking money that the department did not spend throughout the course of the year and that money is transferred into the CIP. Historically over the last 3 to 4 years, the City has made those year-end transfers to the CIP. Typically, transfers are made in December so a resident can view those transfers on the City's website.

City Administrator Nogelmeier discussed the Capital Improvement Plan for 2025 through 2029, which shows the City's needs for each year for the next five years. That is an unbudgeted fund, which means that the City does not have cash to pay for the $1 million CIP in 2025, unless it transfers those monies from the general fund. The City transfers moneys into the CIP to take care of those projects. And, if a department overspends, it goes the other way.

Mayor Hepperly stated that a department never overspends because each department has a reserve. Those reserves are not exorbitant because as a financial person, she does not think the City should be accumulating reserves at the expense of residents. However, if there are a lot of snow storms or a lot of wind damage, that is when those reserves are used.

Mr. Hale does not understand the theory behind the City receiving more sales tax than what it budgeted for and he asked where any overage would go.

City Administrator Nogelmeier explained that if more sales tax is received than what was budgeted, those monies would be part of the transfer at the end of the year to the CIP. Those additional sales taxes cannot be spent because the City cannot spend more than it has budgeted for in the current year. So, if the City receives more sales taxes than budgeted, it could transfer that money to the CIP and then add another street to the mil and overlay cycle or could complete an emergency repair, if necessary.

Mayor Hepperly explained that according to the CIP, over the next 5 years the City will need $7 million. Because of transfers the City has been able to make from money that was not spent, the City is currently able to fund the next 3 years of the CIP (2024, 2025 and 2026). The costs for CIP projects in 2026 and 2027 are $4 million, and those projects will need to be funded with transfers from dollars that are unspent.

Mr. Hale asked if the City cannot live within the revenue neutral rate.

City Administrator Nogelmeier responded that throughout the County, only one City has voted not to exceed the revenue neutral rate. The revenue neutral rate concept was designed to create hardship for municipalities, just like the tax lid that the legislature passed years ago. Cities would prefer to handle their own budgets and ask the State to get out of the way because if budgets are out of control, there would be a room packed full of people telling cities that the budget is out of control.

Mr. Hale stated that it would be nice if the City would somehow do what neighboring Prairie Village and Mission have done with setting up a fund for giving back a portion of the real estate revenue to fixed income people.

Referring to Mr. Hale's comments concerning the pet waste stations, Councilman Bailey stated that personally, he will probably never use a pet waste station; however, on the citizen survey, that was the suggestion that received either the

number one or number two most comments. And, the cost of the pet waste station is about 1/1000th of what the City's budget is.

Mayor Hepperly added that the licensing fees for dog owners was increased in order to pay for the cost of the pet stations.

Also, referring to Mr. Hale's previous comment about the City receiving $462,000 in 2022 and 2023, Mayor Hepperly explained that that revenue number is not just property tax but is all of the general fund revenue.

Finally, Mr. Hale asked if the Police Department was still going around daily to every street in the neighborhood. He wondered if that policy changed.

Chief Thurlo responded that he cannot say that a police car goes daily down every street, but he does feel confident that streets are well patrolled.

Mr. Hale also noted that he sees a maintenance truck going down the street every day and he thinks that is useless and a big waste of money.

Councilwoman Brofsky thanked Mr. Hale for his comments and also his perspective that Fairway is a very affluent community but there are people who live on a fixed income.

Brian Robinson, 5301 Norwood Street, stated that he respects the budget process and appreciates the Council's time. He also thanked the Council for adding the tunnel restoration to the CIP because it adds to the neighborhood and is important to the safety of children, elderly people and residents.

Jim Haffner, 6242 Glenfield, returned to the podium and asked if the City is receiving any money from the vacant former Houlihans building.

City Administrator Nogelmeier explained that the City does receive property taxes for the building and while he has not looked to see if those property taxes have decreased, he would assume that because it is a leased building, he does not think the property taxes would not decrease just because the building is vacant.

Mr. Haffner asked if anything could go in that building or whether that is a decision that the City gets to be involved in.

Mayor Hepperly stated that she would like to talk about Houlihan's because she does not get the opportunity to do it very often. She explained that the building has been vacant since December 31, 2019. The City found out about the vacancy when an officer was patrolling the Fairway Shops and saw a notice posted on the door. The building is privately owned by a group of investors and is not a part of the Fairway Shops. When the group that owned the Houlihan's throughout the City went into bankruptcy, they wanted to get the Fairway location out of the Courts because it was privately owned and the Court allowed that to happen.

Mayor Hepperly and City Administrator Nogelmeier met numerous times with David Block of Block and Associates and told him the City would like a family neighborhood restaurant to go into the building. Mr. Block did not bring forward any possibilities for some time and eventually advised that he did have a couple people who were interested, but their finances fell through. Finally, a viable restaurant came forward that would have been a good fit. Mayor Hepperly asked to see the restaurant's budget and construction costs so the City could see what their plan was. The City did provide incentives to Pizza 51 and Stroud's and discussed the same concepts for incentives with Mr. Block. When the restaurant presented the budget, it was $1 million. When she asked what incentives the restaurant wanted, the response was $1 million. So, the restaurant was asking the City to fund 100 percent of the cost of the renovations and supplies the restaurant needed. Mayor Hepperly denied the request and asked the restaurant to go back and rework their numbers. Several weeks later the cost increased to $1.2 million and again, the restaurant requested that the City provide incentives of $1.2 million. Mayor Hepperly again denied the request and she has not heard anything since.

Mr. Haffner asked if the City has control over what goes into the building.

City Administrator Nogelmeier responded that the building is in the B-2 Neighborhood Business District and the City Code outlines the types of acceptable businesses or uses for the District. If the proposed business is already allowed within the B-2 District, it is a pretty straightforward process. If the business is not something that is allowed in the District, they would have to seek variances or exceptions from the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Mr. Haffner also asked if the Council has an idea about the occupancy rate anticipated for the new senior development.

City Administrator Nogelmeier responded that they are already leasing units for fall of 2025 and he expects that by that time the building will be 100 percent leased. While he does not have the Development Agreement in front of him, the City has imposed several restrictions, one of which is that at least 80 percent of the units have to have at least one person age 55 or older. The facility has to conduct an annual census every year and report back to the City. If that restriction is not met and they drop below 80 percent, there is a corresponding drop in the incentive for which they are eligible.

Mayor Hepperly stated that according to the City's attorneys, the Development Agreement was well negotiated. She outlined some of the incentives developers agreed to in the Agreement.

Mr. Haffner also complimented the Public Works because instead of driving around doing nothing, they trim trees and keep visibility clear.

Mayor Hepperly pointed out that when Public Works employees are driving around in their trucks, they are not just driving around doing nothing but rather,

they are working, looking at the condition of right of way trees and looking for right of way violations.

Mayor Hepperly asked if there was additional public comment. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing.

Mayor Hepperly asked for additional discussion from the Council.

Councilwoman Buszek thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting, as it is important for citizens to see what the Council does. She stated that the budgeting process is difficult. She doesn't think the Council should be asking what services do residents want to get rid of but instead, the question should be when is it going to stop and how much tax revenue is too much. There are people in Fairway who are on fixed incomes and they cannot make up the difference when their taxes increase. She knows that the County and State are also involved, but she thinks the City needs to be aware of residents needs because they have lived in the City for decades and they are not going to be able to afford their property taxes. She will be voting against the Resolution to exceed the revenue neutral rate and the 2025 Budget.

Mayor Hepperly asked for additional discussion on this item. Hearing none, she asked for a motion.

Councilman Watkins moved to approve Resolution 2024-D – A Resolution of the City of Fairway, Kansas, to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue Neutral Rate and also approve the 2025 Budget and 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan. Councilman Williams seconded the motion.

Mayor Hepperly requested a roll call vote.

Councilwoman Brofsky voted yes.
Councilman Watkins voted yes.
Councilman Williams voted yes.
Councilwoman Buszek voted no.
Councilman Story voted yes.
Councilman Bailey voted yes.
Councilman Levin voted yes.
Councilwoman Keys voted yes.

The motion carried 7 to 1.

COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Hepperly asked for comments by the Governing Body.

Councilwoman Brofsky encouraged everyone to attend the Go Green Fair of Northeast Johnson County communities which is scheduled for September 14, 2024 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Community Center in Mission.

Councilman Story announced that he and Councilwoman Buszek will be holding a Ward 1 resident meeting on September 24, 2024 at City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

Councilman Story also discussed a meeting that has been called by Johnson County Wastewater for their work on the pump station. He explained that residents on State Park Road received a flyer in the mail about the work but other residents have not.

City Administrator Nogelmeier stated that the pump station at Belinder and State Park Road will be undergoing a major renovation that will take up to two years to complete. They are still in the design phase and will be bringing the project to the Planning Commission for approval in October. There will be notifications sent to residents.

Councilman Bailey stated that water and wastewater is his profession and he would be happy to answer questions residents may have about the project. He added that the City is lucky that Johnson County Wastewater is proactive instead of reactive because the project boils down to preventing sewage from going in the creek and above ground.

City Administrator Nogelmeier added that in one of the initial meetings they were told that the structure is the oldest existing wastewater infrastructure in the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hepperly asked if there were members of the public who would like to comment. Hearing none, she closed public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Hepperly adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

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Mayor Melanie Hepperly

Attest:

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Barb Fox, Recording Secretary