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(Neb.)-Chadron Residents Invited To Town Hall Meeting Tonight Regarding LB840 Vote  [Listen](#)



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(CHADRON)-Residents in the city of Chadron who still may be uncertain as to whether or not to vote in the upcoming LB-840 election next week, or which way to vote, are being encouraged to attend a final Town Hall meeting at City Hall this evening (Tuesday). City manager Wayne Anderson says it's of utmost importance to get questions answered before heading to the polls, and this evening's (Tuesday's) meeting aims to do just that.

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Anderson says that although residents will see no change in their taxes if the measure is voted into effect, that will not hold true for the city if the initiative is voted down. He said the city's plans for the future essentially hang in the balances in the upcoming election.

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Some people have speculated that Chadron's taxes are already high enough when compared with those of surrounding communities. Anderson says...

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For those who are still confused as to what LB840 even is, Anderson explains...

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The tax initiative residents will be voting on is whether or not to virtually extend the ½ cent sales tax for another 15 years after it expires. Some of the betterment projects that LB840 money has helped to fund include construction of the new Chadron Community Hospital, an ambulance for the Chadron Volunteer Fire Department, a recycling machine for Keep Chadron Beautiful, the kiosk at Greenwood Cemetery, needed updates at the Dawes County Fairgrounds and ball fields, an accessibility ramp at the Chadron Arts Center, and new picnic tables, drinking fountain, yard edging, wood chips, and doggie deposit stations for the Chadron Parks Foundation.

There are other plans in the works for the city regarding future LB840 money, including a stormwater

project that will in turn allow the state to chip in the majority of funding toward revamping Highway 20/Third Street through town. Anderson says the majority of LB840 money would help fund those necessary restorations.

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The remainder of the money would continue to fund other smaller projects throughout the community as the need arises.

The town hall meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall council chambers, 234 Main St. in Chadron. It will also be broadcast on Great Plains local access channel 19. For those who can't make it to the meeting, Anderson is available to help with any questions or concerns by calling 432-0501.

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