

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
NHS Auditorium –NYSSA, OREGON 97913
Tuesday, April 20, 2022
7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Betty Holcomb, Pat Oliver, Patricia Esplin, Kathy Flanders, Charles Kitamura, Doug Dewar, Robert Quick, Ron Edmondson, Dawnita Edmondson, Roberto Escobedo Jim Maret City Manager, Kari Ott, Finance Clerk, Marla Roberts, City Recorder, Jenny Simpson, Librarian, Duane Petty, Public Works, Donnie Ballou Police Chief, Eric Menchaca, Fire Chief, Absent: Morganne DeLeon, Mary Shelton, Steve Wilson, and Krissy Walker.

The budget meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Holcomb announced that we will be looking for some new budget members in 2023.

Election of Officers - Betty Holcomb nominated Kathy Flanders as budget chairman. Pat Oliver seconded the motion. Ten ayes. Four absent.

Kathy Flanders asked Budget Officer Jim Maret for the budget message which was read by Mr. Maret.

Police Chief Donnie Ballou – Information about OACP and department budget increase in PERS. In the process of replacing Officers after Chief Rau left, costs and services car repairs, increase in fuel costs. Due to the State, all our reserves must do psych evals, but we are cutting costs wherever we can.

Library Jenny Simpson – The summer reading program will be starting, we hired Terry Findley, and we have contests going on also. We received money from Clara Poor's estate, she loved reading and learning we hope to use those funds to refurbish our building.

Public Works Supervisor Duane Petty – There is an increase in fuel and asphalt which will give us a big hit this year. The water meters have increased by about \$700.00. We are going about our business as usual.

Fire Chief Eric Menchaca – No changes in the Fire Dept. budget except for the rise in dispatch fees. He is working with CIS on a volunteer Jr. Fire Dept. program, for students sixteen and up. Hopefully, the State will help us with more training for our volunteers. We are always looking for more volunteer firefighters.

Bruce Goodell WWTP Operator – Work on lift stations to keep them updated and keeps an eye on the irrigation system to comply with DEQ.

Questions from Budget Committee.

Closing statements by Chairman Kathy Flanders she appreciates the different departments explain the work they do, and she is proud of what she sees and how they run each department, Thank you!

Kari Ott CPA Oster Professional Group – Presented a balanced budget and going forward there may need to be some changes down the road.

Pat Oliver made motion to adopt the budget as presented. Roberto Escobedo seconded the motion. Ten ayes. Four absent.

Adjournment at 8:16 pm

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