

Budget Workshop of November 10, 2015

Present were: Councilmembers Koepke, Neal, Hart and Roley.

Absent: Mayor Spieth and Councilmember Naillon.

Budget workshop began at 6:35 pm.

Review of preliminary draft budget. Proposed wage increase discussion regarding the Utility Maintenance Lead-Man position (Ken Cumbo); Superintendent Noel requested an increase to reflect Ken's water certification, council approved as discussed. Clerk Denney stated that she had discussed the Utility Billing Clerk position reducing to a part-time position with Lindsey; effective January 1<sup>st</sup> the position will be reduced to 3 days per week (97.5 hours per month), council approved as discussed.

Clerk Denney stated that a few minor changes were made to the previous draft budget, which included an increase in the property tax to be collected (per Dee Wood, Okanogan County Assessor's Office) and a reduction of the amount to be received from FAA in 2016, bringing the entire preliminary budget to 7,878,862.00, which is 45,969.00 less than last year's budget of 7,832,893.00.

Councilmember Neal stated that there is a potential for the creation of a Community Coalition group; discussed the possibility of them approaching the City for support in 2016.

Discussion on improvements to be made to Well #1 in 2016, potential improvements to OLVM in 2016, proposed Mosquito District and the need for improvements to the airport fuel pump.

Next budget workshop to be held Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:30 pm, if needed.

Budget Workshop ended at 7:05 pm.

Budget Workshop Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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Clerk