



MINUTES

Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Maupin Civic Center (507 Grant Avenue) and virtually on Zoom

Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance	<p>Mayor Carol Beatty called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call was conducted by City Recorder Christine Wolfe.</p> <p><i>Presiding:</i> Mayor Beatty</p> <p><i>Council Present:</i> Susan Wright, Kathy Peck, Mark Roper, Mike Foreaker, Rob Miles</p> <p><i>Council Absent:</i> Tom Troutman (excused)</p> <p><i>Budget Committee Present:</i> Don Jacklin, Evelyn Jones, Leslie Lusk, Lindsay Roper, Michael Whitaker, Dennis Wright</p> <p><i>Budget Committee Absent:</i> Ken Reinking</p> <p><i>Staff Present:</i> City Manager Kevin Lewis, Recorder Wolfe, Administrative Assistant Bronte Dod</p> <p><i>Visitors Present:</i> Jon Helquist, Donna Henderson, Kathy Richey, Rich Sutliff, Rod Woodside</p>
Election of Chair and Secretary	<p>Councilor Foraker nominated Mayor Beatty for the position of Chair. Councilor Miles seconded. Nominations were closed and a vote was taken. Councilor Beatty was elected Chair unanimously.</p> <p>Councilor Miles nominated Recorder Wolfe for Secretary. Mr. Whitaker seconded. Councilor Wright nominated Ms. Roper. Councilor Foreaker seconded nomination of Ms. Roper. Nominations were closed and a vote was taken. Recorder Wolfe was elected Secretary by majority vote.</p>
Receive and Hear Budget Message	<p>Manager Lewis read the FY 23-24 Budget Message, of which a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes. There were no objections by the Committee.</p>
Receive Budget Document for FY 2023-2024	<p>Chair Beatty presented the FY 23-24 Budget Document.</p> <p>Discussions were held on the following:</p> <p><i>General Fund:</i> Transient Lodging Taxes; Main Street grants; building permit fees; City Park boat ramp funds; American Legion Hall rental fees, utility fees, improvements; code enforcement/nuisance abatement; wages and salaries; federal relief fund.</p> <p>The City proposes a \$0.50 increase to recycle recovery cost fees to cover recycle hauling fees.</p> <p><i>Water Fund:</i> Water revenue and system improvement money; general improvements after Grant Avenue project</p> <p>The City proposes a \$2.00 increase to water user fees to fund system improvements.</p> <p><i>Sewer Fund:</i> Sewer system reserve funds; contingency money; capital outlay</p>

	<p>The City proposes a \$2.00 increase to sewer user fees to fund system improvements. Sewer bond is completed and will be removed from Budget Document for FY 23-24.</p> <p><i>State Street Tax Fund:</i> Tax allocations by population; funding and process for street repair projects; insufficient funds for street repairs</p> <p><i>Parks Fund:</i> Boat ramp improvement project; discussion about ability to use parks profits to fund other improvements in the city, such as street repairs</p> <p><i>Fire Department Fund:</i> Aging equipment of fire department; collecting money toward future purchases; engine facility improvements</p> <p><i>Street Improvement Fund:</i> Small city allotment grant and funding for street improvement projects</p> <p><i>Southern Wasco County Library Fund:</i> Library personnel expenses There will be an amendment to the budget to transfer from General Fund to cover the gap in operating expenses that the Wasco County Library Service District does not cover. Funds from the New Library Fund will be expended and in FY 22-23.</p>
<p>Public Hearing to Consider Participation and Use of State Shared Revenue</p>	<p>The City proposes to participate in the State Shared Revenue Program and use the \$6,000 funds to contribute to local nonprofits. Other State Revenue Shared funds include cigarette, OLCC, and State Highway taxes. There were no objections or public comment submitted.</p> <p>Councilor Miles moved to recommend to the governing body to participate in the State Shared Revenue Program for FY 23-24. Councilor Peck seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously on an 11-0 vote.</p>
<p>Public Input on Budget</p>	<p>Public input was received on funds during the receipt of the budget document.</p>
<p>Committee Deliberation on Budget</p>	<p>Ms. Lusk asked about the funding for the Chamber; by contract the City provides 90 percent of transient lodging taxes to the Chamber for tourism promotion services.</p> <p>Mr. Whitaker said the line item for code enforcement/nuisance abatement is an egregious waste of money. Councilors discussed budgeting for expenses and leaving line item as is.</p>
<p>Approval of Property Taxes to be Imposed</p>	<p>Councilor Miles moved to approve imposing property taxes for FY 23-24 at the rate of \$5.3573 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operational purposed. Mr. Jacklin seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed on an 11-1 vote. (Ayes: Beatty, Wright, Foreaker, Miles, Peck, Roper, Jacklin, Lusk, Roper, Wright; Jones; Nays: Whitaker)</p>
<p>Approval of Proposed Budget or Continuance to Date/Time Specific</p>	<p>Councilor Miles moved to approve the proposed budget as amended and recommends the Council to adopt the proposed budget for FY 23-24. Councilor Foreaker seconded. No further</p>

discussion. Motion passed on an 11-1 vote. (Ayes: Beatty, Wright, Foreaker, Miles, Peck, Roper, Jacklin, Lusk, Roper, Wright; Jones; Nays: Whitaker)

Adjourn

The Budget Hearing to adopt the proposed budget for FY 23-24 will take place on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Beatty adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Christine Wolfe, City Recorder

Signed: _____


Carol Beatty, Mayor

Attest: _____


Christine Wolfe, City Recorder