CITY OF OKANOGAN
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2023
Council Chambers & Zoom

Call to Order

The Budget Workshop was called to order by Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Rob Gillespie at 5:27 p.m.

Present: Mayor Wayne L Turner Councilmembers: Greg Oyler, Rob Chilcote, Rob Gillespie, Eric Lind and through zoom: Lisa Bauer

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, and Code Enforcement Officer Rob Paine.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Gillespie asked if there were any changes to the Agenda as presented. No changes were requested. The Agenda was approved as presented.

Budget Workshop and Discussion of Proposed 2024 Budget
2024 Fee Schedule

Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Mayor Wayne L Turner, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, and council reviewed and discussed the 2024 Estimated Expenditures, 2024 Estimated Revenues and the 2024 fee schedule. Topics discussed in length:

- 2024 Estimated Expenditures:
  - $833,000 expenditure for Water system improvements, may/may not have funding available. The amount requested could change based on funding. The city is due for a water system update; ten-year plan, mandated by RCW.
  - Air conditioning system for the fire hall in basement of City Hall, is only an estimated budget number.

- 2024 Estimated Revenues:
  - Took a four-year average.
  - Big difference in the interest rate currently being earned and what was budgeted for 2023.
  - Received ARPA funds are included.
  - Sunrise requested a 3.5% increase and the city 1%.
  - PUD Privilege Tax.
  - City Assistance Account.

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  - Marijuana Excise Tax.
  - Library building use payments.

- 2024 Fee Schedule:
  - Shawn added a fee since last Budget Meeting: Live Tap Connection Fee up to 12 inches in diameter x 1 inch. Additional cost for larger sizes. $550.
  - Dept of Revenue City Business License Fees: No cost to the city. Not included in 2024 fee schedule, but something to consider for 2025.
  - New Account Fee from $9 to $10.
  - NSF Fees decreased to $30 for a check. NSF Fees for an echeck/credit card/debit card decreased to $30 plus iCloud fees.
  - Cemetery fees increased but are still lower than surrounding cemeteries.
  - Sports Complex fees increased slightly, but now include the non-refundable deposit.

Councilmember's Comments

There were no councilmember comments.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Turner had no comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Utilities Clerk Laura Divis

APPROVED:

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Rob Gillespie, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer