CITY OF OKANOGAN
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2022
Council Chambers & Zoom

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Budget Workshop was called to order by Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Rob Gillespie at 5:30 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Wayne L Turner Councilmembers: Denise Varner, Greg Oyler, Lisa Bauer, Patricia Stanton, and Rob Gillespie.

Also Present: Interim Clerk Treasurer Jenny Kruse, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, Public Safety Director Jeremy Patrick, and through zoom: Building Official Bryan Forbus and Former Clerk Treasurer Craig Attwood.

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 2023 Budget
2023 Fee Schedule

Interim Clerk Treasurer Jenny Kruse, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, Public Safety Director Jeremy Patrick, Building Official Bryan Forbus and council reviewed and discussed the 2023 fee schedule. Topics discussed in length:

- Dog Tag Late Fee
- Water rates – requested analysis
- Sewer rates – requested analysis
- Cemetery rates
- Sports Complex fees
- Pool fees
- Special Events Permit fee

Adjournment

Varner motioned, seconded by Oyler to continue the Budget Workshop after the Regular Council Meeting. Chairman Gillespie asked if there were any objections to the motion. No objections. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Call to Order

The continuation of Budget Workshop was called to order by Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Rob Gillespie at 7:44 p.m.

Present: Mayor Wayne L Turner Councilmembers: Denise Varner, Greg Oyler, Lisa Bauer, Rob Gillespie and Robert Chilcote.

Also Present: Interim Clerk Treasurer Jenny Kruse, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, Public Safety Director Jeremy Patrick, and through zoom: Building Official Bryan Forbus and Former Clerk Treasurer Craig Attwood.

Budget Requests from Department Heads

Interim Clerk Treasurer Jenny Kruse asked department heads if they would like to review their department head requests for the council.

Jeremy reviewed his requests and in addition:

- Currently have 21 volunteers and 17 radios.
- Fire District #3 pays $19,000 for chief wages and $2,500 for relief stipend a year.

Jenny reviewed the clerk's office requests and in addition:

- Suggested that external legal needs to be more than $3,000.

Bryan reviewed his requests and explained that the Abatement costs could be costly if owners don't comply.

Shawn reviewed the public works requests, public works projects and in addition:

- City car from state bid about $30,000

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 8:48 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Utilities Clerk Laura Divis

APPROVED:

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Rob Gillespie, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jenny Kruse, Interim Clerk Treasurer