CITY OF OKANOGAN
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2024
Council Chambers & Zoom

Call to Order

The Budget Workshop was called to order by Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Rob Gillespie at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers: Greg Oyler, Rob Gillespie and Lisa Bauer

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus and Code Enforcement Officer Craig Caswell.

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 2025 Budget

Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, and council reviewed and discussed the 2025 Estimated Expenditures and 2025 Estimated Revenues. Topics discussed in length:

- 2025 Estimated Expenditures:
  - Reviewed Totals by Funds.
  - Reviewed cemetery fund.
  - Amounts in blue highlight are Department Head Requests.
  - Reviewed Wellness program – Medical insurance discount for participating.
  - City did not spray this year for mosquitos; did participate in trainings
  - Reviewed request from Sheriffs Office for a Grappler at an estimated cost of $8,000 from the city. The city would be paying all costs but would be used for all of Okanogan County. Council not interested at this time.
  - Pool: Reviewed department head request for $65,000 for diving boards and pool cover replacement.
  - Reviewed Hotel/Motel funds, which revenue has changed dramatically since Quality Inn burned and not operating.
  - Street Fund: will need to transfer from Current Expense for additional support.
  - Reviewed Airport Fund: $569,250.00 to replace airport hangar that burned down.

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- Reviewed difference between 2024 budget and the actual expenditures.

- 2025 Estimated Revenues:
  - Reviewed Pull Tabs/Punchcards/Gambling Tax.
  - Reviewed Intergovernmental Revenues.
  - Reviewed Library – payments to city are for maintenance, etc.
  - Reviewed Interest – projected lower interest for LGIP.
  - Reviewed Tourist Promotion – projected revenue down.
  - Reviewed Street Fund – will transfer $60,000.00 from Current Expense.
  - Reviewed WSDOT Oak St Railway - $66,400.00 Grant Funding.
  - Reviewed Sanitation – Receiving Ecology Grant; using paper yard bags instead of plastic, will save on dump fees.
  - Reviewed Water & Sewer – Loan $434,000.00 & Grant $434,000.00.

Public Comment

Michael Blake of 1069 2nd South: talked about fees for admission to the city pool. He would like the council to consider making admission for 18 & under free.

Councilmember's Comments

There were no councilmember comments.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Turner was not in attendance.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 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