

Budget Workshop of October 29, 2019

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, Hart and Fuchs.
Absent: McElheran.

Budget workshop began at 6:30 pm.

Superintendent Thompson requested that the Council consider increasing rates for water, sewer and garbage; discussed that Oroville's rates are currently substantially below what is needed to maintain infrastructure and facilities and also affects qualifications for grants, loans, etc. for infrastructure improvements. Thompson requested that the Council consider a \$2.00 increase each for water and sewer and a \$1.00 increase for garbage. Discussed that the last rate increases for water and sewer were stepped increases of \$1.00 each in 2015, 2016 and 2017; garbage has not had an increase in several years. Discussed whether or not to have steps at this time, or reexamine during the 2021 budget process; Council would like to discuss additional rate increases during future budgeting processes. Draft rates will be presented to Council for their consideration, with ordinance adoption during the November 19th meeting, if rates are to be amended.

Superintendent Thompson wanted to discuss enacting a leaf pickup program; discussed how it would affect the budget. Thompson to research options.

Finance/Administration budget request explained by Clerk Denney.

Chief Hill discussed need to replace computers due to the end of life for Windows 7; Hill has received a quote from Intrigue Communications for 3 laptops and 1 desktop.

Chief Hill stated that tires are needed for one of the patrol cars; discussed quotes received.

Chief Hill discussed Lexipol, Law Enforcement Policies & Training - Police One, that he would like to look into; discussed that there is a demo available that he would like the Police Committee to view.

Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Applications reviewed and discussed.

Councilman Hart questioned if funds were included in the park budget for playground equipment; additional information is needed on type of equipment and location to include the purchase in the budget.

Next budget workshop to be held Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 pm.

Budget Workshop ended at 7:35 pm.

Budget Workshop Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk