

Budget Workshop of September 29, 2020

Pursuant to Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Inslee on March 24, 2020 and further amended, which prohibits in person meetings, this budget workshop was attended only by the Mayor, Councilmembers and staff, as social distancing requirements could be met; call in number was provided to the public.

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, McElheran, Hart and Moser.  
Absent: None.

Budget workshop began at 6:30 pm.

Clerk Denney presented her budget request, discussed:

- Legislative
- Judicial
- City Hall
- Finance / Administration
- AWC Fees
- Fire
- Wages

Review of line items.

Superintendent Thompson presented his budget request; discussed:

- Travel
- Airport
- Street
- Park
- Water
- Sewer
- Garbage
- Shared Expenses
- Levee Maintenance
- Wages

Superintendent Thompson requested that the Council consider a \$2.00 rate increase for sewer. Discussed that the State has determined that Oroville's sewer rate should be \$57.00; the current residential sewer rate is \$34.00. Discussed that if the rate is too low, the City is not eligible for grants for infrastructure repairs/improvements.

Superintendent Thompson requested that the Council consider adding an additional wage for each certification for the public works department; discussed that testing takes place during work hours, however, due to the materials that need to be studied, the employees end up studying on their own time. Thompson requested an additional \$.50 per hour for each certification. Certifications include: Water I, Water II, Sewer I, Sewer II, Weed Spray and Cross Connection; having additional staff certified helps with shift coverage and to ensure that the City is in compliance when staff retires.

Chief Langford presented his budget request; review of line items and explanation given on each and how the department is lacking. Langford stated that the department will be participating in the Stonegarden program, so additional line item for Stonegarden Overtime will need to be added; looking at approximately \$42,000 per year that will be reimbursed through the program. Further discussion on Stonegarden and benefits of being a part of the program. Discussion on staffing, need for increase in wages, equipment acquisition and vehicle replacement.

Next budget workshop to be held Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Budget Workshop ended at 8:35 pm.

Budget Workshop Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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Clerk