

Budget Workshop of October 25, 2016

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Koepke, McElheran and Hart.
Absent: Councilmember Roley.

Budget workshop began at 6:30 pm.

Salley Bull presented budget request for the library, which includes hotel/motel tax funds request for the Okanogan County Tourism Council's Ag Guide for \$275, replacement and installation of windows not included in the 2016 library improvements project and request that the City upgrade the heating and cooling system to a heat pump/ac system. Council to review request and discuss during the next budget workshop.

Chief Hill handed out the response from Mike Worden, Okanogan County Sheriff's Office, regarding the 2017 Dispatch Fees, which is a per capita billing to the Cities. Mayor Neal commented on the fact that dispatch fees are paid in the property taxes, which is a double billing for City residents; Mayor Neal also questioned if LifeLine Ambulance is being billed for dispatch services. Chief Hill to get more information.

Chief Hill reported on the 2017 Stonegarden Grant; Oroville Police Department plans to conduct 18 operations over a 24 month period with an operations total of \$11,376.

Review of Hotel/Motel Tax requests.

Review of draft budget prepared by Clerk Denney based on requests, not approvals; several changes will be needed.

Councilman Naillon questioned if there was a policy in place for determining wages for new hires based on experience; there is no policy at this time. Naillon stated that a policy should be prepared and adopted.

Next budget workshop to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Budget Workshop ended at 7:50 pm.

Budget Workshop Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk