

Budget Workshop of October 10, 2023

Present were: Mayor Naillon, Councilmembers Shaw, Marthaller, Werner, Hart and Moser.
Absent: None.

Budget workshop began at 6:30 pm.

Clerk Denney provided Mayor, Council and Staff with copies of projected revenues for 2024, a worksheet of property tax projections from 2016 to 2024, sales tax received worksheet from 2014 to current and the minimum wage announcement increasing the wage from \$15.74 to \$16.28 per hour for 2024; explanation given on each.

Fire Chief Rawley was present to discuss the Fire Department budget request. Rawley requested that the Council consider a wage increase for the department members to be increased from the \$12.00 per hour for calls / \$12.00 per meeting/drill to the minimum wage rate for 2024. Rawley also requested that the two Assistant Chiefs receive \$100 per month in addition to their call/meeting wages. Councilman Moser asked for a description of the district boundaries; explained by Chief Rawley. Discussion on current trucks and ownership (Rural Fire District vs. City of Oroville). Discussion on State MOBE money, grant options and DNR programs. Discussion on possibly purchasing a truck from the Othello Fire Department (approximately \$20,000) and the need for a Chief Vehicle to leave resources for actually fighting fire. The council agreed that the City should consider purchasing the truck from Othello and look into options for a Chief's Vehicle. Further discussion on fire department equipment. The council thanked Chief Rawley and the department for their service to the community.

Review and discussion on City Clerk's budget request, which included line items for legislative, judicial and finance/administration.

Review and discussion on City Superintendent's budget request, which included recommendation from Thompson on rate increases for water, sewer and garbage and adding a discount for Veteran camping at OLVMP.

Review and discussion on Police Chief's budget request; line items explained by Chief Langford.

Brief discussion on Salaries, Wages and Benefits; to be discussed during the next budget workshop.

Next budget workshop to be held Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Budget Workshop ended at 8:45 pm.

Budget Workshop Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk