

Budget Workshop of September 22, 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, Hart and Moser.
Absent: McElheran.

Budget workshop began at 6:30 pm.

Clerk Denney explained the 2021 Budget Workbook, which included information on the budget process, budgeting information and the 2021 Budget Suggestions publication created by MRSC. Workbook sections also include budget requests from department heads and wages/benefits information. Clerk Denney explained the hotel/motel tax applications received. Other information included in the budget workbook are reports from 9/18/20 ~ cash & investment activity report, revenue and expenditure reports. Clerk Denney reported that the Park Fund has gone from \$161,297.01 at the beginning of the year to \$29,705.48 as of today due to COVID-19.

Clerk Denney stated that she, Superintendent Thompson and Chief Langford will make their budget request presentations during the September 29th workshop.

Chief Langford stated that he met with the Okanogan County Sheriff and the Oroville Police Department will be joining the Stonegarden program. Discussion on Stonegarden overtime line item that will need to be added to the budget; discussion on timeframe for equipment acquisition.

Mayor Neal stated that Officer Pokos has resigned and that Officer Taft is doing well at the academy. Chief Langford stated that he has started the hiring process for Entry-Level Officer Scott Schmid, who was number one on the latest eligibility list.

Superintendent Thompson discussed that he would like to look into a new reservation system for the park for 2022; discussion on exploring options.

Clerk Denney discussed the upcoming vacancy in City Hall; as discussed previously, Deanna Rowton will be retiring at the end of October. Due to decreases in revenues and the fact that City Hall is still closed to the public, Clerk Denney will wait to fill the position after the first of the year.

Superintendent Thompson stated that with the retirement of Ken Cumbo and the fact that Greg Noel will not be returning to the park next year, he would like to combine the position, which would actually reduce his crew by 1/2 a person. Thompson commended the City Crew; Council agreed that they are doing a great job.

Next budget workshop to be held Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Budget Workshop ended at 7:00 pm.

Budget Workshop Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk