

Budget Committee Minutes

May 13th, 2010

Members of the Budget Committee met this day in regular session at City Hall, Brownsville, Oregon at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Don Ware, Councilor Mandy Cole, Councilor Gary Shepherd, Councilor Lynda Chambers, Councilor Rob Boyanovsky, Councilor Carla Gerber, Marilyn Grimes, June Schlosser, Rick Dominguez, Don Andrews, Kaye Fox, Budget Officer S. Scott McDowell, City Planner Bill Sattler and Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink.

Absent: Councilor Nan Van Sandt.

Public: Leslie Heckathorn and Marvin Borntrager.

Presiding: Marilyn Grimes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Grimes. The minutes of the May 6th, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Two typographical errors were noted. Mayor Ware moved to approve the minutes with those two corrections. The motion was seconded by Chair Grimes and was approved unanimously.

Chair Grimes opened the meeting to public comment. No one present wished to comment so the public comment period was closed.

Chair Grimes opened the public hearing for proposed uses of State Revenue Sharing funds. Mr. McDowell explained that historically the funds have been used to help pay the electric bill for the streetlights. There was no input offered by the public. Councilor Cole moved to use the funds for streetlights as has been done in the past. The motion was seconded by Councilor Boyanovsky and was approved unanimously.

The Budget Committee resumed their review of the proposed 2010-2011 budget. Mr. McDowell said the only substantial change he had made since the last meeting was to add \$25,000 to begin accumulating funds for replacing the Pioneer Park bathrooms as he had been directed at the last meeting. Mr. McDowell told the Committee that the Library Board had been interested in a service which would provide digital audio books, e-books and movies but Mrs. Lemhouse, Librarian, determined that the cost would be nearly \$7,000 the first year and \$3,200 in subsequent years. Mr. McDowell questioned whether Brownsville would have enough users to justify such a large expense. McDowell & Lemhouse will be discussing the possibilities further with the Library Advisory Board which will include a data collection component. The Budget Committee agreed by consensus and did not decide to add funding for that item.

The Budget Committee had no further discussion of the proposed budget. Councilor Gerber moved to approve the full permanent tax rate of \$6.9597 per \$1,000 valuation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cole and was approved unanimously. Councilor Cole moved to approve the levy amount needed for the wastewater bond debt in the amount of \$272,385. The motion was seconded by Councilor Shepherd and was approved unanimously. Councilor Cole moved to approve the levy amount needed for the water bond debt in the amount of \$59,046. The motion was seconded by Mayor Ware and was approved

unanimously. Councilor Cole moved to approve step increases for employees based on performance evaluations. The motion was seconded by Councilor Boyanovsky and was approved unanimously. Councilor Cole moved to recognize the cost of living adjustment for the coming year as 0.0% based on the Social Security Administration figure. Councilor Gerber stated that she would like to use a number more closely tied to the local economy such as the Portland Consumer Price Index; switching found little support. Mr. McDowell suggested that being consistent in what index was used would be most equitable in the long run. The Committee decided not to change the index and to continue using the Social Security cost of living adjustment figure. The motion to acknowledge the 0.0% cost of living adjustment was seconded by Councilor Boyanovsky and was approved unanimously. Councilor Cole moved to approve the 2010-2011 Budget as amended and to recommend the same to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilor Boyanovsky and was approved unanimously.

The Budget Committee adjourned at 7:30 p.m. having completed their work for the year.

ATTEST:



S. Scott McDowell
Budget Officer



Marilyn Grimes
Budget Committee Chair



CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

Budget Committee Meeting

Council Chambers – City Hall
Thursday – May 13th, 2010

AGENDA

7:00 PM

- 1) RESUME DELIBERATIONS
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) APPROVE MINUTES: May 6th, 2010
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENT
- 5) PROPOSED USES OF STATE REVENUE SHARING
- 6) BUDGET OVERVIEW & QUESTIONS
- 7) APPROVE THE 2010-2011 BUDGET & RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL
- 8) ADJOURN

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE HELD THIS NIGHT.

This Agenda is a specific list of the subjects to be discussed at the meeting. The location of the meeting is accessible to physically challenged individuals. Should special accommodations be needed, please notify S. Scott McDowell, City Administrator, at (541) 466-5880 in advance. Thank You.