

Town of Coulee Dam
Green Oasis at the Foot of Grand Coulee Dam

**Budget Workshop
Minutes
October 14, 2015**

5:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Greg Wilder
Councilmember Ken Miles
Councilmember Shawn Derrick
Councilmember Gayle Swagerty
Councilmember Ben Alling
Councilmember Duane Johnson joined the meeting at 5:40pm
Public Works Acting Superintendent Mike Steffens
Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden

Mayor Wilder opened the workshop at 5:04pm and asked the citizens present to refrain from comment or input as this is a working session for the councilmembers. Public Input time will be available during the regular council meeting following the workshop.

Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden and Acting Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens presented the 2016 estimated expenditures for Streets, Electric, Water and Wastewater that included capital expenditures.

Streets

- Tree trimming in the estimated amount of \$75,000 was discussed with the main focus being on Tilmus Street.
- TIB Grant Funding Projects – Applications have been submitted. Those projects were included in the preliminary estimates pending a decision from TIB.
- The need for a Multi-Use truck for snow plowing and sanding was discussed in the estimated amount of \$75,000.00
- Not included in the figures presented was the need for street repair near Harvest Foods and the Casino. Grant Funding may be available. Mayor will look into.

Electric

- The Town Maintenance Shop is in need of new lighting and electrical work. Mayor stated that the poor lighting could pose a work hazard. This expenditure would be split with Streets, Water and Sewer.
- The discussion of moving \$50,000 into the Electric Reserve Fund was held.
- Clerk/Treasurer requested that the council budget for an update to the billing software which would allow utility customers to access and pay bills online and with credit/debit cards. Council was in favor of adding it to the estimated budget. The expenditure would be split with Water, Sewer and Garbage.

Water

- Re-roofing and painting of the water reservoir in the amount of \$500,000 and metering of the non-potable water supply in the amount of \$60,000. Those items were struck from the budget estimates due to lack of funding.

- \$10,000 transfer into the Water Reserve Fund was discussed.

Sewer

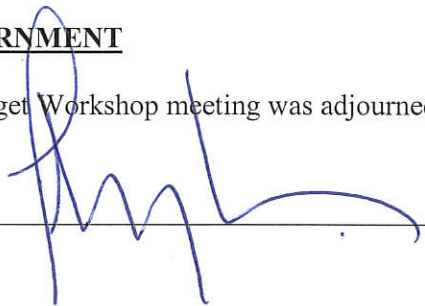
- Discussion was held on the condition of the Sewer Jetter which is shared with Grand Coulee. Acting Superintendent Mike Steffens expressed the concern he had with shared equipment regarding repairs and maintenance and would like the council to consider purchasing our own in the future. The cost is roughly \$150,000. Council asked the clerk to prepare the budget to transfer \$150,000 into reserve fund, earmarked for future purchase of the jetter but would like to wait at least one more year, if possible, before the purchase is made to ensure the funds are not needed for the wastewater treatment plant project.
- The sewer camera is also a shared item. New camera estimated at \$18,000.00
- A new pick-up is needed for the wastewater operator. A 4-wheel drive is necessary in order to get in and out of the treatment plant during snow. Mike Steffens stated that he feels this is a high priority budget item. The expenditure is proposed to be shared between sewer collection and treatment.
- With the uncertainty of the progress of the new treatment plant in 2016, the clerk included both full expenditures and full revenues from grant/loan in the budget, though it is not likely the project to be completed in 2016.

Clerk will prepare the above items for the 2016 Preliminary Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Workshop meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Mayor



Clerk

